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PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

TO THE HONORABLE THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BUFFALO :

Gentlemen,— It becomes my very pleasant duty to transmit to you the first annual report of the Board of Directors of the Buffalo Public Library in pursuance of the ninth section of the contract establishing the Library.

It is a pleasant duty, because the actual results accomplished by the Library are far in excess of any of the promises and suggestions of the advocates most active in urging upon your Honorable Body the establishment of a free public library. Indeed, it may be fairly stated that all are not a little surprised at the wonderful progress made during the first year and at the firm hold the Buffalo Public Library has upon the great majority of our people.

In less than a single year the Library has accomplished two or three times as much as any one suggested it would do.

If I remember correctly, I stated to you less than a year ago that within one year I believed the Library would have not less than 10,000 to 15,000 borrowers, but the result is more than three times that number, which is constantly increasing, the average rate of daily increase being more than 100. I confidently believe the good which the Library is capable of doing is only limited by the amount of the appropriations which your Honorable Body shall give it from time to time.

The Buffalo Public Library has from the very outset been hailed with delight by the people of Buffalo, and the Common Council has dealt with it in an intelligent and liberal spirit, as is evidenced by the appropriation which the Library has received as follows :

The first appropriation was \$57,353.36, payable quarterly, of which the Library has received \$43,015.02, and there is now due in the hands of the City Treasurer \$14,338.34. In November last, your Honorable Body gave the Library an exigency appropriation of \$20,000, necessitated by the large outlay for the changes and

additions to the Library Building, which amounts to the sum of more than \$25,000.

The receipts from other sources have been from The Buffalo Library, interest on its permanent fund, \$3,682.53; collected from fines, etc., \$1,172.13; borrowed from the Buffalo Library, \$8,807.10, which was necessitated by reason of the total lack of any appropriation of funds to run the Public Library from February 24, 1897, until July 1, 1897, a period of more than four months. From the sale of old furniture the Library has received the sum of \$149.00, which altogether makes up the sum total of \$76,825.78 which the Buffalo Public Library has received since February 24, 1897, up to January 1, 1898.

The moneys thus received have been expended as follows: For books, periodicals, binding, printing, finding lists, stationery and supplies, \$20,618.66; for fuel and light, \$1,415.19; for insurance, \$520.00; for furniture, \$849.38; for repairs on building and miscellaneous expenses, \$21,933.70; for salaries of library employees, \$16,378.70; for salaries and wages of employees in caring for building, \$3,633.52; for expense of five delivery stations, \$21.35; repaid to the Buffalo Library, \$3,307.10, with cash in the Treasury, \$8,148.18, all of which is set forth in detail in the Treasurer's Report, which is submitted as a part of this report to your Honorable Body. In connection with the Treasurer's Report is the report of the Auditor, Mr. Frank E. Wood, which is submitted herewith.

It may be profitable to recall the attention of your Honorable Body to some of the representations made on behalf of the Library one year ago.

After calling attention to what had been done in other cities for their libraries, and reciting the great needs of Buffalo, it was asserted, with some timidity, that we needed at least \$60,000.00 for the support of the Library for the first year, and by way of introduction, it was suggested that St. Louis was the pattern after which we would most like to fashion our garment, and it was then stated that St. Louis had 4,000 members as a subscription library just prior to making it a free public library, and at the end of the first year she had increased the number of her patrons to 26,000, and we then timidly asserted that we hoped the Buffalo Public Library would have at least 10,000 or 15,000 subscribers before the end of the first year, but the number of registered borrowers on this date, January 1, 1898, is 32,116, a

number from two to three times greater than we anticipated. And these are not merely idle, inattentive, chance registrants, but they are for the most part earnest perusers and readers of the best books which the Library affords, as may be seen from the report of the Superintendent, which is also submitted herewith as a part of this report. In fact, this is the report of the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors calls especial attention to the work of the Library during its first year as reported by Superintendent Elmendorf, and we urge your Honorable Body to peruse with the closest scrutiny his report, confidently believing that it will be satisfactory in all its details not only to your Honorable Body but to the entire city as well, because it marks the beginning of a new and well directed departure in the intellectual growth and development of our Municipality. In this connection, permit me to call your attention to the remarkable record made not only in the number of books read but in the character of the books themselves, fiction being reduced from .7196 in 1896-7 to 61 per cent. in 1897-8.

The building, as remodeled and enlarged, was completed and the Buffalo Public Library was opened to the public on September 2, 1897, and between the opening and this date 262,232 volumes have been circulated and have gone into the hands of our citizens. This great number circulated in the brief period of four months, when contrasted with the 142,659 circulated by the Buffalo Library during the entire year 1896-7, more than justifies the establishment of the Buffalo Public Library.

One needs only to go to the Library and there observe the people in and about the Library in order to be convinced that it is not an idle curiosity, or because the Library is a new institution, that brings the people there daily in such multitudes, but it is a desire for reading the best books that constantly and increasingly impels the throngs into the Library.

The great masses appreciate what the city has done for them. The people not only know that the city has made appropriations for the Public Library, but they also know that the appropriations have been well expended under the guidance of our efficient Superintendent. The public is satisfied that the Library is managed for the use and benefit of the entire public, regardless of the position, profession, trade or occupation of the patrons. All are welcome to the uses of the Library on equal terms, whether they be rich or poor. The people are satisfied that they are enjoying the fullest use and the

highest benefits from the Library appropriations, and they confidently expect that the city will in the future be liberal in its Library appropriations.

During the year the Library has sustained great losses in the death of some of its truest and most loyal supporters. From our own number Mr. James Fraser Gluck, one of our staunchest champions, has been taken. By the death of Mr. George Howard Lewis, the city of Buffalo learns that the Buffalo Library had a friend who believed in the great good which libraries are capable of accomplishing in this day and generation. By his will Mr. Lewis gave to the Buffalo Library one per cent. of his entire estate, which will amount to fifteen or twenty thousand dollars, the income from which will be devoted to the support of the Buffalo Public Library.

The Board of Directors has taken some pains to ascertain the amount of the appropriations for library uses made by some of the leading cities of the United States for the purpose of informing your Honorable Body what assistance and support other municipalities are giving their libraries, which is given herewith as follows :

The city of Boston, with a population at present of 550,000, appropriated for library purposes last year \$261,000 ; the city of Chicago, with a population of 1,800,000, last year appropriated \$232,000 ; Philadelphia, with a population of 1,250,000 last year appropriated \$122,500 for the administration of its library, with various appropriations during the year for the stations and other library purposes ; Cleveland last year, with a population of 385,000, appropriated \$73,000, which was used for the support of its single library, the tax to raise which was five one-hundredths of one per cent. on the taxable property of the city of Cleveland ; St. Louis, with a population of 650,000, appropriated \$70,000 for its single library ; Pittsburgh, with a population of 290,000, last year for library purposes appropriated \$65,000 ; Minneapolis, with a population of 210,000, raised \$49,710, being a levy of four-hundredths of one per cent. on its taxable property ; Indianapolis, with a population of 185,000, appropriated for library purposes last year \$40,000, being a levy of four-hundredths of one per cent. on the taxable property of that city. The appropriation asked by the Buffalo Public Library is not only for its support and maintenance, but for the support and maintenance of the Grosvenor Library as well ; and the period to be covered by the appropriation is not the year from July 1, 1898, to July 1, 1899, but from

February 24, 1898, to July 1, 1899, being a period of one year and more than four months.

In this connection the Board of Directors states without fear of contradiction and with entire confidence in the truthfulness of the statement that there is no other library in this country, no matter how long it has been established, that has done any better or greater work than the Buffalo Public Library since its establishment. In view of the wonderful record already made, the Board of Directors makes the following recommendations and asks the city of Buffalo to make such appropriations as shall allow the Library to carry on its work.

After careful investigation and consideration of the systems of lighting and heating the Library Building, by the Board of Directors, it has come to the conclusion that the lighting and heating can be much more economically and better done if the City will make an appropriation sufficient to establish an electric light plant, which would cost about \$5,000, and which, by the saving of fuel, would pay for itself in three or four years, as the Board is assured on good authority. The experience in other libraries has demonstrated it to be a fact that much money is saved annually by the Library's owning its own book bindery, as suggested by the Superintendent, and the Board recommends an appropriation of twenty-five hundred dollars for this purpose. The Board of Directors especially urges these appropriations on the ground of economy and efficiency of service in the administration of the Library.

We also invite the careful attention and consideration of your Honorable Body to the fact that there was a period of more than four months from the establishment of the Library February 24, 1897, to July 1, 1897, before the appropriation by the City became available to the Library. During this period the Library had no funds and the directors were obliged to borrow. But that was not our greatest difficulty. No appropriation has yet been made for that period because the appropriation made was for the city's fiscal year from July 1, 1897, to July 1, 1898.

This period should be provided for so that the Library may at once be freed from the constant embarrassment of borrowing to cover this period from February to July of each year.

If this period is now provided for then the Library will be at liberty to use the current appropriation for the uses for which it has been appropriated. The Board of Directors asks your Honorable Body to make provision for this period by an appropriation of \$25,000,

and for the Library management for this year the Board of Directors asks an appropriation of five one-hundredths of one per cent. of the total taxable assessed valuation of the property of the city.

In view of the great good already accomplished we confidently believe that the people will approve our request by a still greater use of the facilities of the Library and your action will be justified by the moral and intellectual progress of our city.

All of which is most respectfully submitted.

Dated Buffalo, New York, January 1, 1898.

NATHANIEL W. NORTON,
President.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Condensed Statement of the Receipts and Expenditures of the Buffalo
Public Library from March 1, 1897, to January 1, 1898.

RECEIPTS.

City of Buffalo,	\$63,015.02
Interest on Permanent Fund,	3,682.53
Fines, catalogues, etc.,	1,172.13
Borrowed from the Buffalo Library,	8,807.10
Sale of old furniture,	149.00
	\$76,825.78

EXPENDITURES.

Books,	\$15,025.07
Periodicals,	1,416.53
Binding,	1,155.32
Printing,	657.88
Finding list,	926.30
Stationery and supplies,	1,437.56
Fuel,	657.28
Light,	757.91
Insurance,	520.00
Furniture,	849.38
Building account,	20,151.95
Miscellaneous,	1,781.75
Salaries — Library employees,	16,378.70
“ Building “	3,633.52
Delivery Stations,	21.35
Repaid Buffalo Library,	3,307.10
Cash on hand,	8,148.18
	\$76,825.78

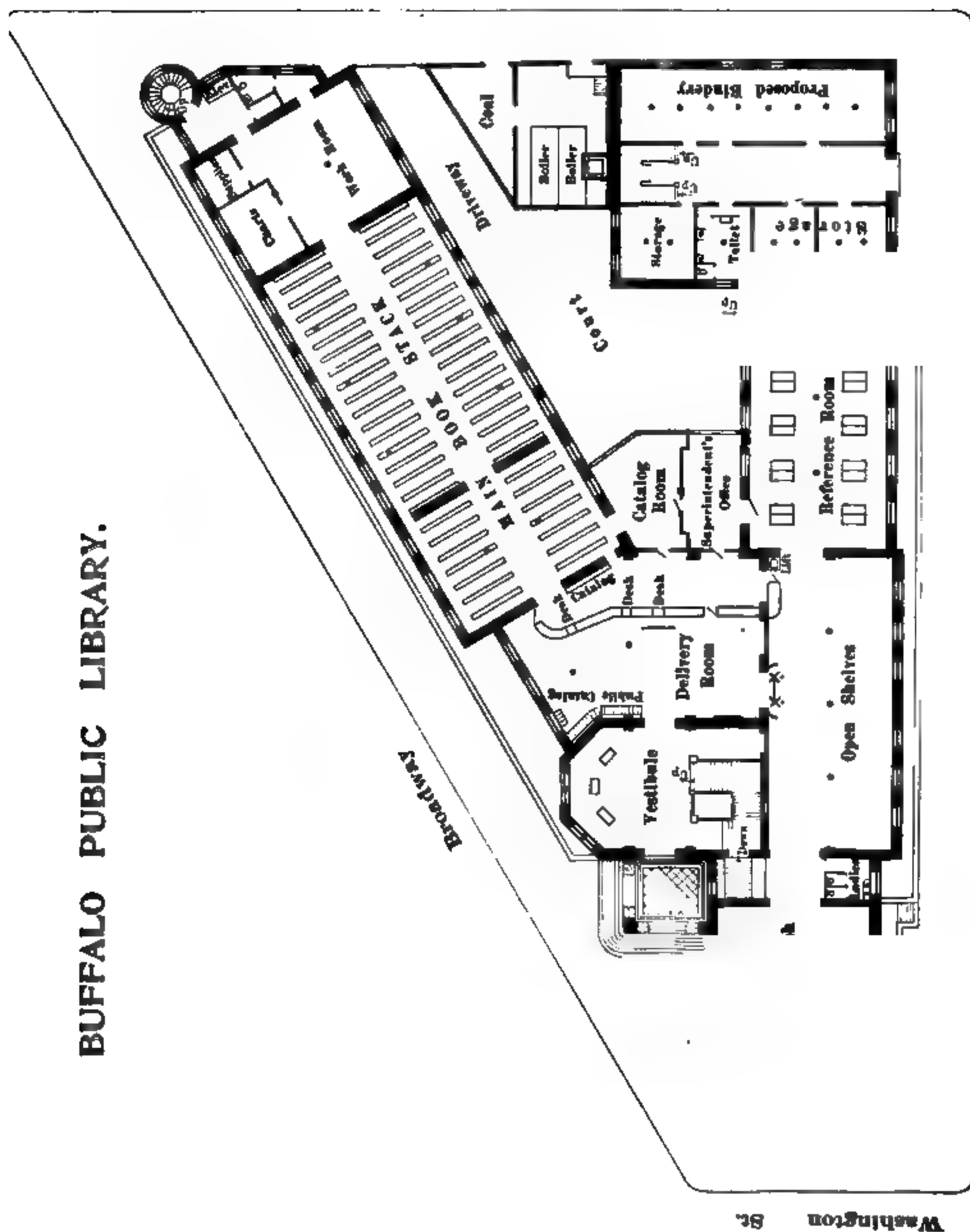
WM. P. REED, *Treasurer.*

BUFFALO, N. Y., Feb. 3, 1898.

I have examined the books and vouchers of Mr. William P. Reed, the Treasurer of the Buffalo Public Library, and find the same to be correct. The examination extends from the opening of the library to and including December 31, 1897.

FRANK E. WOOD,
Examining Accountant.

BUFFALO PUBLIC LIBRARY.



SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE BUFFALO PUBLIC LIBRARY :

Gentlemen,—I have the honor of presenting herewith the first annual report of the Superintendent of the Buffalo Public Library, covering the sixty-second year of the Buffalo Library.

The last annual report included statistics of circulation of books to January 30, 1897, additions and books in the library, to February 11, 1897, and the Treasurer's report to February 22, 1897. The figures in this report are continued from the dates named to complete the record.

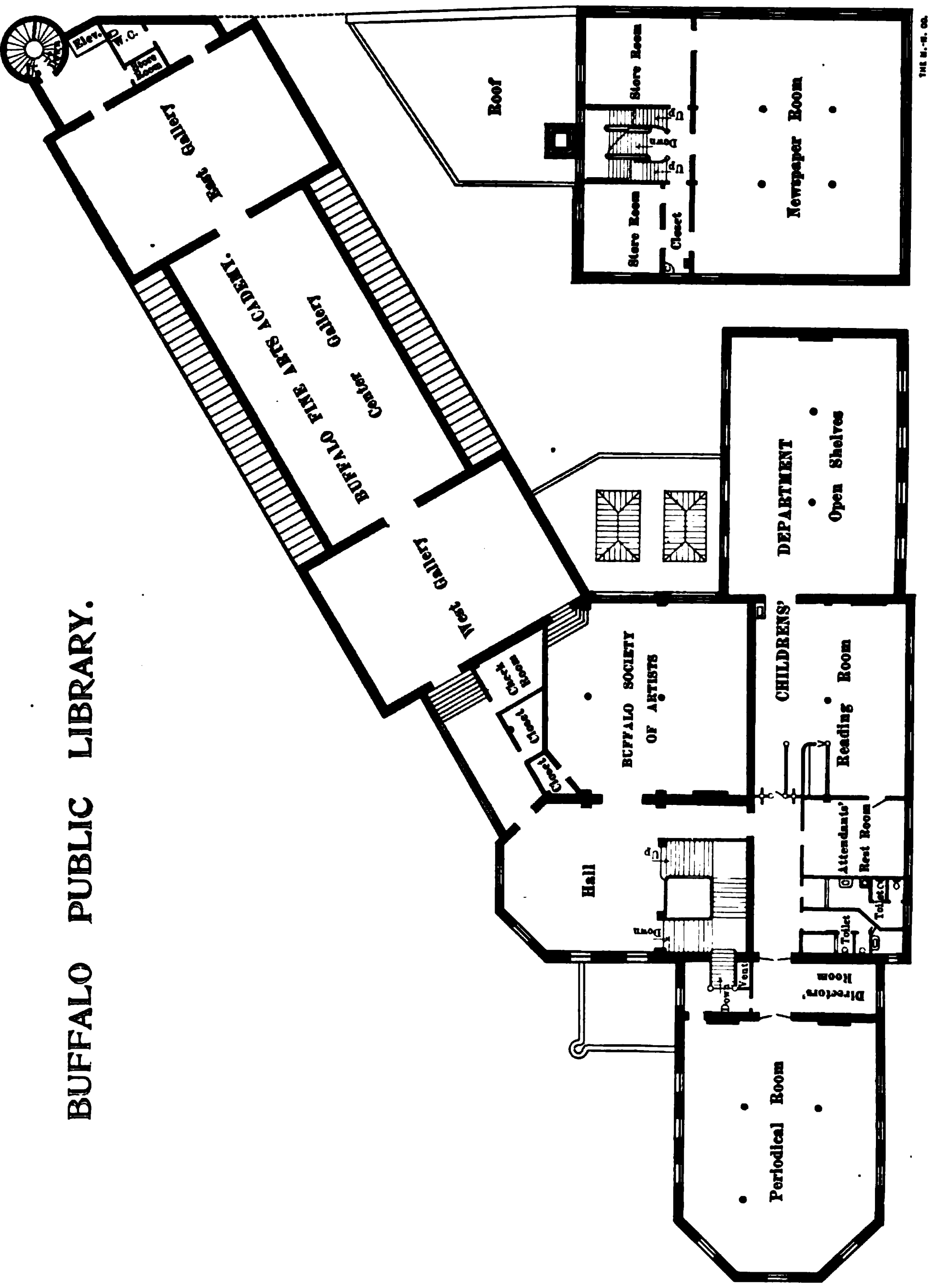
The act of the Legislature amending the act of incorporation of the Young Men's Association of the city of Buffalo, enabling the Buffalo Library to transfer to the city of Buffalo, in trust, for the use and benefit of the residents of said City, its books and pamphlets, under contract, became a law February 11, 1897.

The contract between the city of Buffalo and the Buffalo Library was signed February 24, 1897, and took effect at once. The enabling act of the Legislature and the contract between the city of Buffalo and the Buffalo Library are printed in an appendix to this report.

In changing from a proprietary to a free, public library an entirely new system of administration had to be devised. Samples of blanks were procured from the leading libraries, and Mr. Walter L. Brown, the present Assistant Superintendent, was sent on a tour of inspection to see the best and most advanced library methods in actual operation. The result of Mr. Brown's observations was embodied in a full and clear report, which was spread upon the minutes of the Board. The system adopted involved pasting a dating-paper and a book-slip pocket, with their designating marks in every book in the library, and the preparing of a charging slip for each volume. This system is the simplest possible, and experience in its use has proved it accurate, rapid and well adapted to keeping track of and furnishing a proper record of the use of the library.

Equally important with the change of administrative system was the change necessary to prepare the building for the increased patronage of a free library. Built more than ten years ago, for the

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use of a limited constituency of paying members, it needed many alterations to adapt it to the free use of all the inhabitants of a great city. The Board of Directors, in consultation with the architect, Mr. A. C. Esenwein, adopted plans to utilize every available foot of space in the building, to make every room as light as possible, to improve the ventilation and to provide proper toilet facilities for the public.

The extent of the necessary alterations, and their cost, were not appreciated until the work was commenced. In changing the electric lights it was found that the entire wiring of the building was not in conformity with the rules of the Board of Underwriters, nor safe, and the Directors were compelled to incur an expense of over \$800.00 for rewiring the building. An attempt to repair the plumbing resulted in the condemnation of the entire system by the city inspector, making an unexpected and very considerable expense.

By the articles of acceptance of the gift of the autograph collection from Mr. James Fraser Gluck, and the contract of occupancy of the building between the Buffalo Library and the Buffalo Public Library, the front room on the Clinton-street side, heretofore occupied as a periodical and newspaper room, was forever devoted to the display of the collection. The room was prepared for its reception by putting in new windows, painting the walls a soft, light green tint, and furnishing dust-proof oak and glass cases for the display of the manuscripts, autographs and portraits. The cases are so constructed as to allow for the shelving beneath them of over 2,000 volumes of art and literary periodicals, while between the cases are cabinets for large folios and rare and expensive books. This room is one of the most attractive in the building, and makes a fitting, permanent home for the art and autograph collection, one of the most valuable in the country. Its educational benefit cannot be estimated, and its use fully warrants the appropriation of this room for its display. The room will not be complete until a portrait of Mr. Gluck adorns the wall.

A stairway to the floor above formerly adjoined this room. This was removed, and the space thus gained was used for a ladies' toilet room on the first floor, and the landing and hall on the second floor gave place for a directors' room.

The most radical change, and the improvement of greatest importance, was the making of the space for the open-shelf room by the removal of partitions in the center of the south wing of the building. This space was formerly occupied by the Superintendent's

office, the catalogue room, and the long, dark hall connecting the periodical room and the reference department. To provide suitable rooms for the Superintendent's office and the catalog room, a steel-frame structure was built between the two wings of the building. The manifest advantages of this change are the spacious room gained for the open-shelf department, where the great bulk of the work of the library is done; the improvement of the light, ventilation, and facility of administration of the entire floor; the placing of the Superintendent's office in the very center of the library, with direct communication with the reference room, the delivery counter, and the catalog room; and the catalog room immediately adjoining the main book stack, the Superintendent's office, and the delivery counter.

The room of the reference department remains practically the same as the old study, but has been refitted with specially designed reading tables and the old cases made over.

The delivery room required an entire refitting. The present counter, extending the full length of the room, gives three times the counter space of the old arrangement, and even with this increase, the space is not as large as would be convenient at busy times. The card catalog cases were altered and ranged around the walls to allow as many people as possible to use them at the same time.

All the windows on the first floor were originally constructed with a wide mullion which excluded at least one quarter of the possible light. These divisions were removed and large two-pane plate glass windows put in. The increased light well repays the cost of the change. The large terra-cotta fireplaces, useless for fire or ventilation, were removed, and ventilating flues substituted.

The prevailing hue in the old library was a dull Venetian red. The whole building has been repainted and decorated in less sombre tints, adding light and apparent size to the rooms.

The main book stack is unchanged. There was a freight elevator at the rear of the building, but without communication to the library floor. An opening was cut through the wall, and all freight is now received at the rear entrance.

The front basement, formerly unused, has been converted into a commodious bicycle room, with racks for 75 wheels, a check and coat-room, a cloak and dressing room for the staff, with individual lockers, and a toilet room for men. An opening was cut in the wall on the Clinton-street side for an entrance, and an inclined approach built. Connection was made with the main vestibule of the library

by a new staircase. The cellar, found to be in an unsanitary condition, was cemented and drained.

On the second floor the front room on the Clinton Street side, formerly used for a lecture-room upon occasion, was made the periodical reading room, a new approach being cut from the main stairway, the old stairway, with its landing, forming the present directors' room. Next to the directors' room were built toilet rooms for boys and girls, and a rest and lunch room for the women assistants. The rooms formerly used for the children's reading-room, the Board of Directors, and the School of Pedagogy, were made, by the removal of partitions, to provide for the children's department, two large rooms for reading and book-shelves. A book-lift and speaking-tube connect this department with the main library. This floor was also re-painted and decorated throughout, and refitted with cases and tables.

Besides the alterations in the main library, the building on the corner of Clinton and Ellicott streets, formerly used as an annex to the High School, was repaired, refitted, rewired for electric lights, and furnished for a newspaper department, making comfortable and attractive quarters for the purpose, and greatly relieving the main library building.

While the change of system was being made, and the repairs going on, the library was kept open for the benefit of the members of the Buffalo Library who had paid for the privilege of drawing books. It was not until July 28th that the alterations in the delivery room compelled the lending department to close.

The total circulation for home use from February 1, 1897, to July 28, 1897, was 61,555.

Largest number in one day,	. . . . .	900
Smallest number in one day,	. . . . .	202
Days open,	. . . . .	151
Daily average,	. . . . .	408
Per cent. of fiction,	. . . . .	.728

A classified table of circulation is given in Appendix A.

The register of borrowers was opened immediately after the signing of the contract with the City. During the summer the names came in slowly, and it was not until just before the opening of the library that the rush of applicants for tickets commenced.

In April, 1897, Mr. J. N. Larned, for many years superintendent of the Buffalo Library, resigned, and in June the Board appointed

the present superintendent, who assumed the duties of the office June 15, 1897.

After being closed for a month, the library was opened as a free public library, September 2, 1897. On the afternoon and evening of August 31st a reception was given to the life members of the Buffalo Library. A public meeting was held on the evening of September 1, when the library was formally turned over to the city by Mr. Nathaniel W. Norton, president of the Buffalo Library. His Honor, Mayor Edgar B. Jewett, representing the City, and the Board of Directors of the Buffalo Public Library, accepted the trust. An address was made by Dr. John Shaw Billings, Librarian of the New York Public Library, Astor, Lenox and Tilden foundations, and the various departments of the library were described by the Superintendent. A report of this meeting, with the addresses in full, has been published in pamphlet form, and may be had at the library.

REGISTRATION.

At the time of opening, September 2, 1897, 7,793 people had registered. January 1, 1898, four months after the opening, the number had increased to 32,116, or about one in 11 of the entire population of the city.

CONTENTS OF LIBRARY.

The last report of the Buffalo Library showed a total of	
bound volumes in the library February 11, 1897,	84,773
Added by purchase,	17,172
Added by gift,	521
Added by binding,	286
Added by exchange,	14
Added by duplicates from nook,	50
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Deductions—lost in 1895–96,	131
Lost from children's reading-room,	205
Lost and paid for,	26
Worn out and withdrawn,	826
	<hr/> 1,188
Net additions to January 1, 1898,	16,855
Duplicate volumes not cataloged and not in use,	1,468
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Total bound volumes, January 1, 1898,	103,096
Maps and plans,	495

Two hundred and seventy-six pamphlets were added since the last report, making a total January 1, 1898, of 10,938.

An inventory of the library was taken in August, 1897. From the returns 348 books are unaccounted for. These are not deducted, as many of them will be found, being merely misplaced, and will not be deducted until next year's report.

Full particulars of the classification of the library, and of the net additions, appear in tabular form in Appendix C.

CIRCULATION.

The total circulation for home use from September 2, 1897, to January 1, 1898, was 262,232.

Largest number in one day,	5,841
Smallest number in one day,	883
Days open,	102
Daily average,	2,571
Percentage of fiction, . . . . .	.61

A detailed classified report of the circulation appears in Appendix B.

OPEN-SHELF DEPARTMENT.

This may appropriately be called the distinctive feature of the library. The problem of the desirability of allowing the public free access to the shelves of a public library is one which has troubled the library world for a long time. The construction of our building, and more particularly of the book stack itself, forbade the admission of the general public. At the same time, the great advantage of allowing people to see and examine their books was recognized. The alterations in the building provided a large, light room which was fitted up with special wall cases to contain a selected library, to which the public should have free access. On these shelves were placed at the opening 6,700 books. The list was made with great care, all classes of literature, from philosophy to fiction, being represented. The books were divided into classes, with the name of the class plainly printed on a gilt sign over the case. One thousand duplicates were kept in reserve, and it was found necessary to fill the shelves with these the second day. Since the opening 3,517 volumes have been added, making a total of 11,217. It has been necessary to draw from

the book stack for temporary use from 2,000 to 5,000 books. From this department, from September 2d to January 1st, were circulated 105,781 books for home use, or an average of 1,037 a day for the 102 days the library was open. The percentage of fiction has been slightly lower than in the other departments. The marked reduction in the percentage of fiction in the whole circulation since the opening of the Public Library is attributed to the freedom of access to the shelves.

The success of this selected library has gone far to solve the problem of open shelves. The same staff of assistants serves the delivery counter and open-shelf room interchangeably, each having its own head. There are always three assistants to aid readers in this room. The classification of books in this department is detailed in Appendix D.

CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT.

This department consists of two rooms, a reading room and a book room, the latter on the plan of the open-shelf room below. Every book in this department is a recommended book. The collection was started with about 2,000 volumes, to which more than 5,000 have been added. The total number January 1st was 7,183. The circulation for home use was 56,209, or a daily average of 551. The only reason for its not being greater was that there were not books enough for the demand. The November average was 690 a day, the circulation reaching as high as 1,375 in a single day.

From the open-shelf department and the open shelves of the children's department were circulated 162,090 volumes. Thus nearly two-thirds of the circulation of the library was from 20,000 selected books on open shelves.

Seven magazines, nineteen copies in all, are taken for the children. A list appears in Appendix E.

The children's department is open from Monday to Friday only after school hours, and during the entire day Saturday. Five regular assistants and two boys are employed, with extra help at busy times from the main library.

REFERENCE DEPARTMENT.

There were 1,843 volumes in this department January 1st. The shelves are entirely open to the public, so that no statistics of the number of books consulted can be given. From September 2d to

January 1st there were 10,277 books drawn from the stack for use in the reference department. These figures are not included in the total of circulation. Although the room adjoins the open-shelf department, there has been no trouble from noise, and not a single complaint that students were disturbed by the regular work of the library. The reference librarian, one assistant, and a page are employed in this department. A complete check of the books is made every month. The inventory, January 1, 1898, showed seven books missing.

PERIODICAL DEPARTMENT.

The periodical room, the front room on the second floor, is quiet and well-lighted. The average attendance, ascertained by counting on certain days, has been 195 daily. The room is supplied with 56 weeklies, 6 semi-monthlies, 151 monthlies, 36 quarterlies and 15 miscellaneous periodicals. A full list is given in Appendix E.

Besides the periodicals on file in the various departments, extra copies of popular magazines are taken for circulation. A list of these, with the number of copies of each, will be found in Appendix E.

NEWSPAPER DEPARTMENT.

The newspaper room in the Clinton-street annex is supplied with 21 weekly and 44 daily newspapers. The average daily attendance has been 266. It has been quiet and orderly at all times, and there has not been the slightest trouble about undesirable visitors, loafers or loungers. Two attendants are employed. Items of interest in local history are clipped from the papers and mounted in scrap-books. Extra copies of the papers selected for binding are taken for that purpose. A list of the papers is given in Appendix F.

CATALOG DEPARTMENT.

Eighteen thousand and forty-three books have passed through this department since February 11, 1897, besides the preparation and proof-reading of the Fiction and Literature finding-list and the monthly bulletin. Since September 1, 1897, 13,208 books have been classified and cataloged. The force consists of a head cataloger, six regular assistants, and two girls to paste pockets, labels, etc. The catalogers help at the delivery counter at very busy times, and in return receive help from the delivery clerks in marking books when they can be spared. The work of preparing books for the bindery is also done by this department.

BINDING.

Total number of volumes bound,	3,735
Current magazines covered,	451
Total cost of binding,	\$1,562.59

The work is done by F. C. Schottin, who occupies two rooms in the basement for the purpose. The work is fair and the price moderate. The number of books bound does not represent the average, as the enormous wear and tear is just beginning to be felt, and more than 1,500 books now await binding. Experience of other libraries has proved that better results are obtained and money saved when a large library owns its own bindery. The first cost of machinery, tools and stock for a suitable bindery should not exceed \$2,500, and I strongly advise that a plant be put in as soon as the money can be spared.

PUBLICATIONS.

The finding-list of Fiction and Literature, which had been for some time in preparation, was published in the latter part of August, 1897. It is a book of 275 pages, and cost \$926.30 to print. The sale price was made 25 cents a copy, and \$382.50 of the outlay has already been returned by sales. The finding-list of Science, Sociology, etc., was reprinted in 1896. Biography and History have not been reprinted for about twelve years, and the present catalog does not represent more than half the library's resources on these subjects. The copy for this part of the finding-list is now in preparation, and the list will be printed during the summer.

During the change in the library the monthly bulletin of accessions was discontinued, but was resumed in December in a somewhat altered form, and will be published regularly hereafter.

A series of reading lists on special topics has been started, and under this head the library has published three issues :

1. American history for young folk.
2. Good books on electricity for popular reading. Annotated.
3. Interesting books for boys and girls from 14 to 18 years old.
Annotated.

Also a list of one hundred good short stories.

These lists have met with great favor, and have proved very useful, more particularly in connection with work in the schools.

Other reading lists have been prepared on Alphonse Daudet, Charles A. Dana, Henry George, the Eastern question, also a Christmas list for the children. These lists have all been published in the daily papers and posted on the library bulletin board.

I believe these bulletins of additions and special lists to be the very best form of library publication, far exceeding in usefulness a library periodical of general character. It seems to me that general library news is best communicated to the public through the daily papers.

Nothing has contributed more to the success of the public library than the hearty support given it by the press of the city. When the project for making the library free was first started the city papers were unanimous in its favor, and ever since have omitted no opportunity to advance the interests of the library by printing its news, keeping it constantly before the public, and urging measures for its adequate support and the extension of its usefulness.

STAFF.

The average force of the Buffalo Library included the Superintendent, twelve assistants, and four extra assistants employed part of the time. When it was decided to make the library free, extra force was at once employed to prepare copy for the new finding-list, and the pay-roll for March, 1897, shows a total of twenty-five employees. The work of the library increased beyond all estimate, and it has been necessary to increase the force until, at the end of the year, it numbered fifty-six on full time and four extra assistants on part time. It was impossible to obtain or pay for trained help, and more than thirty of the new employees had had no previous library experience. An exceptionally bright and intelligent lot of young people was secured, and they are constantly becoming more efficient in performing their duties. Unless new work is undertaken, I see no reason why the number should be increased in the near future. A list of the staff with the respective positions is given in Appendix G.

EDUCATIONAL WORK.

The Library is in the closest co-operation with the high schools. An assistant visits each school before the opening hour on every school day, receives books to be returned and lists of books wanted, and makes a delivery at the close of school. Besides this, eight separate libraries, aggregating 436 books, have been placed in the

class rooms, partly as reference books and partly for circulation. The short time since the opening of the library has not admitted of reaching the grammar schools, but plans are being made in connection with the Superintendent of Public Education to include all schools of the city in a traveling library system. A library of 55 books has been placed in the Truant School. It is highly appreciated by the principal, who reports that it gives great pleasure to the boys. A library of 44 volumes of English history has been furnished the Highland Park Literary Club. This branch of the work will be greatly extended during the coming year.

DELIVERY STATIONS.

October 20, 1897, four delivery stations were established in different parts of the city remote from the library, and December 20th a fifth station was added. A daily delivery is made by wagon under contract with a delivery company. The total number of books delivered through the stations is 3,676. Through the high schools 3,348 have been circulated. The delivery work of the stations and the high schools occupies the entire time of one assistant and one boy, with the extra help of one boy for part of the time. The patronage of the delivery stations has steadily increased from the start, and they give great satisfaction to many people in distant parts of the city.

LIBRARY RECEIPTS.

Fines,	\$652.64
Catalogs sold,	382.50
Non-resident cards,	39.00
Reserve postals,	81.75
Miscellaneous,	16.24
Deposited with Treasurer,	<u>\$1,172.13</u>

GIFTS.

Acknowledgment of books and pamphlets given to the library during the year is made in Appendix H.

In conclusion, gentlemen, allow me to congratulate you upon the successful start of the public library and the bright prospects for its usefulness. I thank you for the hearty support you have given me.

Respectfully submitted, H. L. ELMENDORF,
Superintendent.

APPENDIX A.

Circulation of the Buffalo Library, Feb. 1 to July 28, 1897.

	Feb.	March.	April.	May.	June.	July.	Total.	Per Ct.
Philosophy, . . .	175	156	114	97	94	58	694	.011
Religion, . . .	198	213	169	130	99	79	888	.014
Sociology, . . .	250	251	198	152	96	64	1,006	.017
Philology, . . .	20	21	16	19	20	14	110	.002
Natural science, . . .	286	268	178	143	160	85	1,120	.018
Useful arts, . . .	164	190	88	90	97	58	687	.011
Fine arts, . . .	253	243	153	140	96	67	952	.016
Literature, . . .	1,112	1,145	866	887	633	424	5,067	.083
Prose fiction, . . .	8,655	8,788	7,791	7,355	7,021	5,184	44,794	.727
Travel, . . .	316	294	235	195	168	140	1,348	.022
Biography, . . .	509	422	320	242	210	184	1,837	.030
History, . . .	693	740	557	428	395	239	3,052	.049
Totals, . . .	12,631	12,731	10,680	9,878	9,089	6,546	61,555	1.000

APPENDIX B.

Circulation of the Buffalo Public Library.

BY CLASSES.

CLASSES.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Totals.	Per cent.
Magazines,	596	924	1,377	1,477	4,374	.017
Philosophy,	522	730	687	688	2,627	.010
Religion,	715	955	955	892	3,517	.013
Sociology,	947	1,499	1,604	1,479	5,529	.021
Philology,	93	141	132	184	500	.002
Natural science,	1,520	2,372	2,508	2,142	8,542	.033
Useful arts,	1,156	1,570	1,718	1,709	6,153	.023
Fine arts,	1,180	1,670	2,005	1,866	6,721	.026
Literature,	3,128	5,323	6,183	5,341	19,975	.076
Prose fiction,	26,660	41,863	46,708	44,891	160,122	.610
Travel,	1,911	2,333	2,326	2,735	10,310	.040
Biography,	2,057	3,025	3,144	2,796	11,022	.042
History,	3,907	5,967	6,724	6,242	22,840	.087
Totals,	44,392	68,877	76,571	72,392	262,232	1.000
Days open,	25	26	25	26	102	.....
Daily average,	1,775.7	2,649	3,062.8	2,784.3	2,571	.....
Largest day,	3,174	4,075	5,841	4,237	5,841	.....
Smallest day,	883	2,316	1,391	1,727	883	.....

BY DEPARTMENTS.

	Desk.	O. S.	C. R.	H. S.	Sta.	Totals	Ref. R.
September, . . .	16,413	19,282	8,747	.....	.....	44,392	1,303
October, . . .	26,280	28,053	14,435	93	16	68,877	2,801
November, . . .	25,928	30,794	17,227	1,370	1,252	76,571	3,370
December, . . .	24,677	27,702	15,800	1,785	2,428	72,392	2,803
Totals, . . .	93,298	105,781	56,209	3,248	3,696	262,232	10,277

APPENDIX C.

Classified Contents of the Library.

	Net withdraw- als.	Net additions Feb. 11, '97, to Jan. 1, '98.	Per cent.	Books. Totals Jan. 1, '98.	Per cent.	Pamphlets. Totals, Jan. 1, '98.
General works, unclassified, . . .	.....	81	.005	1,691	.017	1,642
Periodicals and bound newspapers, . . .	.....	683	.040	7,071	.070	29
Philosophy, . . . . .	.....	142	.009	1,813	.018	235
Religion, . . . . .	.....	374	.022	6,226	.061	513
Sociology, . . . . .	.....	818	.047	11,483	.113	3,277
Philology, . . . . .	.....	36	.002	668	.006	38
Natural science, . . . . .	.....	648	.032	5,340	.052	397
Useful arts, . . . . .	.....	314	.019	4,665	.046	947
Fine arts, . . . . .	.....	310	.018	3,080	.030	212
Literature, . . . . .	.....	688	.040	8,909	.088	148
Prose fiction, . . . . .	.....	9,675	.559	25,842	.254	.....
Travel and description, . . . . .	.....	473	.028	5,678	.056	242
Biography, . . . . .	.....	877	.051	6,843	.067	344
History, . . . . .	.....	2,075	.120	10,869	.107	699
Special collections :						
Local history and literature, . . .	196	.....	.....	1,168	.012	2,215
Children's reading-room, . . .	205	.....	.....	153	.002	.....
Polish books, not yet classified, . . .	.....	129	.008	129	.001	.....
Nook (duplicates),	62	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Totals,	463	17,318	.....	101,628	.....	10,988
Withdrawals, . . . . .	.....	463	.....	.....	.....	.....
Net additions, Feb. 11, '97, to Jan. 1, '98, . . . . .	.....	16,855	.....	.....	.....	.....
Duplicate volumes not cataloged and not in use, . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	1,468	.....	.....
Grand total books, . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	103,096	.....	.....

APPENDIX D.

Classified Tables of Books on Open Shelves.

OPEN-SHELF ROOM.

Philosophy,	134
Religion,	188
Sociology,	643
Philology,	16
Natural science,	426
Useful arts,	238
Fine arts,	240
Literature,	533
Travel,	382
Biography,	871
History,	788
Fiction,	6,758
Total,	11,217

CHILDREN'S ROOM.

General,	16
Philosophy,	6
Religion,	17
Mythology and fairy tales,	137
Sociology,	144
Natural science,	367
Useful arts,	116
Fine arts and amusements,	95
Literature,	780
Travel,	245
Biography,	252
History,	838
Fiction,	4,076
Pictures and stories,	94
Total,	7,183

APPENDIX E.

Periodical Department—Magazines.

WEEKLY.

Academy.
 American Architect—Imperial edition.
 American Architect — Regular edition.
 American Machinist.
 Architecture and Building.
 Army and Navy Journal.
 Athenæum.
 Black and White.
 City and State.
 Critic.
 Economist.
 Electrical Engineer.
 Electrical Review.
 Electrical World.
 Engineering.
 Engineering and Mining Journal.
 Engineering News.
 Engineering Record.
 Evangelist.
 Graphic.
 *Gunton Institute Bulletin.
 Harper's Bazar.
 Harper's Weekly.
 Illustrated American.
 Illustrated London News.
 Illustration.
 Illustrite Zeitung.
 Independent.
 Journal of Education.
 Judge.
 Life.

Literature.

Littell's Living Age.
 Nation.
 Nature.
 *Newspaper Maker.
 Notes and Queries.
 *Official Gazette of the U. S. Patent Office.
 Open Court.
 Outlook.
 *Phonetic Journal.
 Printer's Ink.
 Public Opinion.
 Publishers' Circular.
 Publishers' Weekly.
 Puck.
 Punch.
 Revue Bleue.
 Saturday Review.
 Science.
 Scientific American.
 Scientific American Supplement.
 Spectator.
 Truth.
 Ueber Land und Meer.
 Youth's Companion.

FORTNIGHTLY.

American Academy of Political and Social Science Publications.
 Dial.
 Electrical Engineering.
 Literary World.
 Revue des Deux Mondes.
 Vom Fels zum Meer.

*Gift.

MONTHLY.

American Antiquarian.

American Chemical Journal.

*American Homes.

American Institute of Electrical
Engineers' Transactions.

*American Investments.

American Journal of Philology.

American Journal of Science.

American Monthly Magazine.

American Monthly Review of Re-
views.

American Naturalist.

*American Woodworker.

Antiquary.

Appleton's Popular Science
Monthly.

Arena.

Art Amateur.

Art Interchange.

Art Journal.

Atlantic Monthly.

Babyhood.

Bankers' Magazine.

Biblical World.

Blackwood's Magazine.

Book Buyer.

Book News.

Bookman.

Bookseller.

Brochure Series.

*Bulletin Continental, Le.

*Bulletin (Y. M. C. A.).

*Buffalo Medical and Surgical
Journal.

*Calvary Sunday School Torch.

Cassier's Magazine.

Catholic World.

Century.

Chambers's Journal.

Chap Book.

Charities Review.

Chautauquan.

Child Garden.

Child Study, Monthly.

*Christian Science Journal.

Church at Home and Abroad.

*Citizen.

*Consular Reports.

Contemporary Review.

Cornhill Magazine.

Cosmopolis.

Cosmopolitan.

*Cornell Univ. Agricultural Ex-
periment Reports.

Current Literature.

Deutsche Rundschau.

Eclectic Magazine.

Education.

Educational Review.

*Educator.

Engineering Magazine.

English Illustrated Magazine.

Essex Antiquarian.

Etude.

Fortnightly Review.

Forum.

Gartenlaube.

Gentleman's Magazine.

Geographical Journal.

Geological Magazine.

Good Government.

Good Roads.

Greater Buffalo.

Green Bag.

Harper's Monthly.

Household Words.	Munsey's Magazine.
Idler.	Music.
Inland Architect.	National Review.
International Messenger.	Natural Science.
International Studio.	New Book List.
*Iron Industry Gazette.	New England Magazine.
*Johns Hopkins University Circulars.	New Review.
Journal of Geology.	*New York State Weather Service Bulletins.
Journal of the American Chemical Society.	Nineteenth Century.
Journal of the Association of Engineering Societies.	*Normal Thought.
Journal of the Franklin Institute.	North American Review.
*Journal of Zoophily.	Observatory.
Kindergarten Magazine.	*Ogontz Mosaic.
Kindergarten News.	*Our Record.
Knowledge.	Outing.
Ladies' Home Journal.	Overland Monthly.
*Land of Sunshine.	Pall Mall.
*Le Couteulx Leader.	Philistine.
Library.	Philosophical Magazine.
Library Journal.	Physical Education.
Lippincott's Magazine.	Popular Astronomy.
Literary News.	Popular Science News.
Locomotive Engineering.	Portfolio.
McClure's Magazine.	Power.
*McFaul's Supply World.	Psychological Review.
Macmillan's Magazine.	Public Libraries.
Magazine of Art.	Reader.
*Mercury.	Review of Reviews (Eng. ed.).
*Milling World.	*Saint Andrew's Cross.
Missionary Review.	St. Louis Public Library Magazine.
*Monthly Bulletin of the Bureau of American Republics.	St. Nicholas.
Monumental Records.	School Review.
Municipal Engineering.	Scientific American Builders' Edition.
Municipality and County.	Scottish Geographical Magazine.
	Scribner's Magazine.
	*Search Light.

* Gift.

Short Stories.

Strand Magazine.

Temple Bar.

* Triumphs of Faith.

* U. S. Agriculture Department,
Monthly Weather Review.

U. S. Postal Guide.

* U. S. Bureau of Statistics,
Monthly Summary.

Westminster Review.

Westermann's Monatsheft.

Whist.

QUARTERLY.

American Catholic Review.

American Historical Review.

American Journal of Archaeology.

American Journal of Mathematics.

American Journal of Psychology.

Auk.

Bulletin of the American Geo-
graphical Society.

* Church Home Quarterly.

Current History.

* Dental Practitioner.

Dublin Review.

Economic Journal.

Edinburgh Review.

English Historical Review.

* Hartford Seminary Record.

International Journal of Ethics.

Journal of American Folk Lore.

Journal of Political Economy.

Journal of the Royal Statistical
Society.

* Lumber World.

Mind.

Monist.

Municipal Affairs.

New England Historical and Gen-
ealogical Register.

New World.

New York Genealogical and Bio-
graphical Record.

Palestine Exploration Fund.

Pedagogical Seminary.

Political Science Quarterly.

Quarterly Journal of Economics.

Quarterly Review.

* Roycroft Quarterly.

Scottish Review.

U. S. Naval Institute Proceedings.

Yale Review.

IRREGULAR.

American Journal of Morphology.

BI-MONTHLY.

American Journal of Sociology.

NUMBERED SERIES.

American Philosophical Society
Proceedings.

BI-MONTHLY.

Annals of the American Academy
of Political and Social Science.

TRI-WEEKLY.

* Calendar.

BI-MONTHLY.

Cumulative Index.

NUMBERED SERIES.

Johns Hopkins University Studies
in History.

IRREGULAR.

Journal of the Institute of Elec-
trical Engineers.

BI-MONTHLY.

Journal of the Western Society of
Engineers.

* Our Church Work.

* Philosophical Review.

* Plantation Missionary.

IRREGULAR.

Society for Psychical Research,
Proceedings.

NUMBERED SERIES.

* Special Consular Reports.

BI-MONTHLY.

* U. S. Labor Department Bul-
letin.

Children's Department.

3 Babyland.

1 Birds.

3 Harper's Round Table.

1 Harper's Weekly.

2 Little Men and Women.

7 St. Nicholas.

2 Youth's Companion.

For Circulation.

2 American Monthly Review of
Reviews.

2 Appleton's Popular Science.

1 Arena.

4 Atlantic.

7 Century.

4 Cosmopolitan.

1 Current Literature.

2 Education.

2 Educational Review.

3 Forum.

7 Harper's Monthly.

1 Kindergarten Magazine.

4 Lippincott.

13 McClure.

8 Munsey.

1 Music.

2 New England Magazine.

2 North American Review.

2 Outing.

1 Overland.

7 Scribner's Magazine.

Total, 21 Magazines — 76 copies.

* Gift.

APPENDIX F.

Newspaper Department.

DAILY PAPERS.

Albany Argus.

Albany Evening Journal.

Boston Evening Transcript.

Boston Morning Journal.

Buffalo Arbeiter-Zeitung.

Buffalo Commercial.

Buffalo Courier.

Buffalo Demokrat.

Buffalo Enquirer.

Buffalo Evening News.

Buffalo Evening Times.

Buffalo Freie Presse.

Buffalo Morning Express.

Buffalo Polac W Ameryce (Polish).

Buffalo Volksfreund.

Chicago Illinois Staats-Zeitung.

Chicago Inter-Ocean.

Chicago Times-Herald.
 Chicago Tribune.
 Cincinnati Enquirer.
 Cleveland Plain Dealer.
 Denver Rocky Mountain News.
 Detroit Free Press.
 Louisville Courier-Journal.
 Milwaukee Sentinel.
 New Orleans Picayune.
 New York Evening Post.
 New York Herald.
 New York Staats-Zeitung.
 New York Sun.
 New York Times.
 New York Tribune.
 Philadelphia Press.
 Philadelphia Times.
 Pittsburgh Dispatch.
 Rochester Democrat and Chronicle.
 Rochester Post-Express.
 St. Louis Globe-Democrat.
 St. Louis Westliche Post.
 San Francisco Chronicle.
 St. Paul Pioneer-Press.

Toronto Globe.
 Washington Post.
 * Washington Congressional Record.

WEEKLY PAPERS.

Buffalo Echo (Polish).
 Buffalo Herald (German).
 Buffalo Tribune (German).
 Bulletin (Philadelphia).
 Erie County Independent.
 Forest and Stream.
 Harper's Weekly.
 Illustrated London News.
 Judge.
 Lancaster (N. Y.) Enterprise.
 Life.
 London Weekly Times.
 National Odd Fellow.
 National Single-taxer.
 Puck.
 Rural New Yorker.
 Standard.
 Western (German).
 Westfield Republic.

* Gift.

APPENDIX G.

STAFF.

Henry L. Elmendorf,	.	.	.	.	<i>Superintendent.</i>
Walter L. Brown,	.	.	.	.	<i>Assistant Superintendent.</i>
William Ives,	.	.	.	.	<i>Librarian.</i>
William P. Reed,	.	.	.	.	<i>Treasurer.</i>
Erle H. Merriman,	.	.	.	.	<i>Clerk.</i>

CATALOG DEPARTMENT.

Ellen M. Chandler, <i>Chief,</i>	Lucia T. Henderson,
Mary J. Briggs,	Nova I. Huntington,
Ella G. Christey,	Margaret B. McCabe.
Alice F. Griffiths,	

HELPERS.

Martha Bornemann,	Paulina C. Dichel.
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REFERENCE DEPARTMENT.

Frederick J. Shepard, *Reference Librarian*,
 Sara P. Sheldon, Assistant, Ralph E. Doll, Page.

CIRCULATING DEPARTMENT.

Fanny B. Meister, *Head*, Delivery Counter ;
 Frances L. Rathbone, *Head*, Open-shelf Room ;

Gertrude E. Allen,	Claude G. Leland,
Alice M. Baritot,	Mrs. J. L. Prince,
Harriet Beach,	Harriet E. Provoost,
Mary E. Blossom,	Jane E. Provoost,
Margaret C. Campbell,	M. Elizabeth Schanzlin,
Verona M. Conrad,	Julia L. Wallace,
Agnes P. Cruice,	Marinda S. White,
Eleanor E. Hawkins,	Nellie A. Whitman,
Helen P. Johnson,	Alice G. Wightman.

Grace Huffner, *Extra*.

William F. McGlashan, *Extra*.

Margaret B. Richmond, *Extra*.

Stephen V. Molloy, . . . *Fines and Reserve Postals.*

CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT.

Hannah G. Fernald, <i>Head</i> ,	Lucy L. Cook,
Hamilton S. Bigelow,	Mary E. Corl,
Emily S. Coit,	Nettie V. Howard.
Thomas P. Hamilton, <i>Extra</i> .	

REGISTRY DEPARTMENT.

Roy E. Downer,	Marie X. Sevasco.
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DELIVERY STATIONS.

James P. Fowler, <i>Head</i> ,	
Charles T. Magner,	Harry N. Parsons.

PERIODICAL DEPARTMENT.

Mrs. Stella B. Ransom.

NEWSPAPER DEPARTMENT.

Edward E. McNair,	Georgia Guiteau.
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SHELF DEPARTMENT.

Frank A. Carigan,
James S. Hucker,
Edward F. Zifle,

Robert Ramsey,
Henry Riegel.

SUPPLY CLERK.

Thomas J. Walsh.

ENGINEER AND JANITOR.

John Krieg.

Two Assistants.

Four Scrub-women.

CHECK ROOM.

Henry Straub.

One Assistant.

SPECIAL OFFICER.

Madison E. Grantier.

APPENDIX H — GIFTS.

	Books.	Pamp.
Alexander, Hon. D. S.,		1
Alfred University,		1
American Book Company,		5
American Chemical Society,		1
American Forestry Association,		2
American Institute of Homœopathy,	1	
American Statistical Association,		1
Amherst College,		1
Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company of Massachu- setts,	2	
Armour Institute of Technology,		1
Atherton, Mary L.,	1	
Baptist Home Mission Society,		1
Barrows, Dr. F. W.,		1
Bates, Miss Katharine Lee, Wellesley, Mass.,	1	
Beck, James M., Philadelphia,		1
Birney, William, Washington,	1	
Boston College,		1
Boston Merchants' Association,		3
Bourinot, J. G., Clerk of the House of Commons, Canada,	17	13

	Books.	Pamp.
Lagrésille, Henry,		1
Larned, J. N.,		8
Lawrence Academy, Groton, Mass.,		5
Lemcke and Buechner,	1	
Lewis, Hon. L. L.,	4	
Lundy's Lane Historical Society,	2	
McCormick Harvesting Machine Company,	1	
McWilliams, S. N.,	1	
Massachusetts, Metropolitan Park Commission,	3	
— Railroad Commission,	1	
— State Board of Arbitration,	1	
Massachusetts Institute of Technology,		1
Milne, J. M., Worthington, O.,		2
Missouri Botanical Garden,	1	
Mixer, Mrs. S. F.,	1	
Moore, Mrs. Mary L.,		2
Mount Holyoke College,		1
Munn & Co., New York,	1	
Murphy, Matthew, Jr.,	1	
New Hampshire, Board of Library Commissioners,		1
New Jersey, Geological Survey,		1
New York City, Civil Service Commission,	2	5
New York City, Architectural League,	1	
— Citizens' Union,		46
— Civil Service Reform Association,		3
— Deutsche Gesellschaft,		1
— General Society of Mechanics and Tradesmen,		1
— Sound Currency Reform Committee,		2
— Young Men's Christian Association,		1
New York State, Assembly,	2	
— Comptroller,	1	
— Geologist,	2	
— Secretary of State,	47	
— State Board of Charities,	1	
New York State Association Opposed to Extension of Suffrage to Women,	2	
New York State, Grand Lodge Free and Accepted Masons,		1
New York Zoölogical Society,		1
Niagara University, Medical Department,		1
Northwestern University,		1

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	Books.	Pamp.
Norton, Charles P.,		1
Parsons, J. Russell, and others, Chicago,	1	
Peabody Institute, Baltimore,		1
Peabody Institute, Peabody, Mass.,		1
Philadelphia Art Club,		2
Philadelphia, Fairmount Park Art Association,		3
Physio-medical College of Indiana,		1
Polytechnic Society of Kentucky,		1
Pratt, Franklin S., and Charles H.,	1	
Pratt Institute, Brooklyn,		5
Preiss, Edmund C., New York,		1
Presbyterian Church, General Assembly,	1	
Princeton University,	1	
Roberts, Hon. James A.,	1	
Rohlf, Mrs. Charles,	3	
Roycroft Printing Shop,	1	
San Francisco, Mechanics Institute,		1
Schild, William,	1	
Sewell, J. B.,	67	
Sheldon, W. L., St. Louis,	1	
Shepard, F. J.,		1
Slicer, Rev. Thomas R.,	16	
Smith, T. Guilford,	40	134
Smith, Rev. W. W., St. Catherines, Canada,	1	
Smithsonian Institution,	6	2
Smithsonian Institution, Bureau of Ethnology,	3	
Society of Naval Architects and Engineers,	1	
Southworth, G. C. S., Salem, O.,		1
Stechert, Gustav, New York,		1
Swift, Albert E.,	1	
Thiry, J. H., Long Island City,		1
Thornbury, Dr. F. J.,		5
Thurston, L. A.,		1
Tift, Mrs. Lily Lord,		1
Tillinghast, C. B., Boston,	2	
Townsend, Rev. Charles, Orange, N. J.,	1	
Truscott, Miss,	1	
Tulane University, New Orleans,		1
United States. Bureau of American Republics,	1	
—Bureau of Education,	1	1

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United States—Bureau of Foreign Commerce,		1
—Bureau of Navigation,		1
—Coast and Geodetic Survey,	1	
—Commissioner of Labor,	2	
—Department of Interior,		26
—Director of the Mint,	2	
—Fish Commission,	2	
—Interstate Commerce Commission,	2	
—Navy Department,		1
—Superintendent of Documents,	135	92
—Treasury Department,	4	8
—Venezuela Boundary Commission,	4	1
—War Department,	4	
University of Buffalo, College of Pharmacy,		1
University of California,		1
University of Michigan,	1	
University of Nebraska,		1
University of Pennsylvania,		1
University of Rochester,		1
University of the State of New York,	8	12
University of Wisconsin,		4
Venn, T. J.,	1	
Whymper, Edward, England,		1
Wilmington Institute,		1
Winsor, Justin, Cambridge, Mass.,		1
Winthrop, Robert C., Jr., Boston,	2	
Wisconsin. Bureau of Labor Statistics,	1	
Wisconsin State Historical Society,		3
Woodward, George A.,	1	
Yale University,		2

GIFTS FROM LIBRARIES.

	Books	Pamp.
Aberdeen Public Library,		1
Aguilar Free Library,		2
Boston Public Library. Bulletins,		7
Bronson Library Fund, Waterbury, Conn.,		2
Brookline (Mass.) Public Library. Bulletins,		4
Brooklyn Library,		2
Butte (Montana) Free Public Library. Bulletins.		

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Cambridge (Mass.) Public Library,	1
Carnegie Library, Pittsburgh. Monthly Bulletins, . . .	4
Cincinnati Public Library,	1
Clerkenwell (London) Public Library. Quarterly Guide for Readers,	2
Columbia University Library,	1
Concord (Mass.) Public Library,	1
Cornell University Library. Bulletins.	
Council Bluffs (Iowa) Free Public Library,	1
Detroit Public Library,	1
Eau Claire (Wisconsin) Public Library,	1
Enoch Pratt Free Library, Baltimore,	1
Evanston (Illinois) Free Public Library,	1
Girard College Library,	1
Gloversville Free Library,	1
Grosvenor Public Library,	2
Hartford Public Library. Bulletins,	3
Harvard University Library,	1
Helena (Montana) Public Library. Bulletins.	
Indianapolis Public Library,	1
Iowa Masonic Library,	2
Jersey City Free Public Library. Library Record, . . .	1
John Crerar Library, Chicago,	2
Lawrence Public Library. Bulletins.	
Leeds (England) Public Library,	1
Lowell (Mass.) City Library. Bulletins,	6
Manhattan East Side Mission Free Circulating Library, .	1
Milwaukee Public Library. Quarterly Index of Additions,	1
Minneapolis Public Library. Bulletins,	1
New Bedford Free Public Library,	1
New Haven Free Public Library. Bulletins,	2
New York Mercantile Library. Bulletins,	1
New York Public Library. Bulletins,	4
New York State Library,	3
Newton (Mass.) Free Library,	1
Ohio State Library,	3
Omaha Public Library,	1
Osterhout Free Library. Wilkes-Barré Library News-Letter,	2
Paterson (N. J.) Free Public Library,	1
Peoria (Illinois) Public Library,	1

	Books. Pamp.
Philadelphia Apprentices' Library. Bulletins.	
Philadelphia, Free Library of,	1
Philadelphia Library Company,	2
Philadelphia Mercantile Library,	1
Philadelphia Public Library. Monthly Notes.	
Portsmouth (England) Free Public Libraries,	2
Providence Public Library. Bulletins,	2
Reynolds Library, Rochester,	1
St. Louis Mercantile Library,	1
St. Louis Public Library,	2
St. Paul Public Library,	1
Salem (Mass.) Public Library,	5
San Francisco Free Public Library. Monthly Bulletins, .	5
Schenectady Free Public Library,	1
Scranton Public Library. Bulletins.	
Seattle Public Library,	1
Springfield (Mass.) City Library Association. Bulletins,	2
Springfield (Mass.) Historical Library of the Y. M. C. A.,	1
Tokio (Japan) Library,	2
Warren County Library, Monmouth, Ill. Bulletins. . .	
Worcester (Mass.) Free Public Library. Additions, . .	1

Periodicals and Other Gifts.

American Homes.

American Investments.

American Philosophical Society. Proceedings.

American Woodworker.

Boston Book Company. Bulletins of Bibliography.

Bourinot, J. G., Clerk of the House of Commons, Canada. One
case of maps.

Brown, Walter L. 148 nos. magazines.

Buffalo Commercial. Extra file for binding.

Buffalo Courier. Extra file for binding.

Buffalo Demokrat. Extra file for binding.

Buffalo Enquirer. Extra file for binding.

Buffalo Evening News. Extra file for binding.

Buffalo Evening Times. Extra file for binding.

Buffalo Express. Extra file for binding.

Buffalo Freie Presse. Extra file for binding.

Buffalo Medical and Surgical Journal.

Buffalo Volksfreund. Extra file for binding.
Buffalo Young Men's Christian Association. Bulletin.
Bulletin Continental, Le.
Calendar.
Calvary Sunday School Torch.
Christian Register.
Christian Uplook.
Christian Science Journal.
Church Home Quarterly.
Citizen.
Congressional Record.
Cornell University, Agricultural Experiment Station. Reports.
Dental Practitioner.
Educator.
Erie County Independent.
Gunton Institute. Bulletin.
Hartford Seminary Record.
Iron Industry Gazette.
Ives, William. Rural New Yorker.
Johns Hopkins University. Circular.
Journal of Zoophily.
Lancaster Enterprise.
Land of Sunshine.
Le Couteulx Leader.
Lumber World.
McFaull's Supply World.
Mercury.
Merriman, Erle H. St. Andrew's Cross.
Milling World.
National Odd Fellow.
New York State Weather Service.
Newspaper Maker.
Normal Thought.
Ogontz Mosaic.
Our Church Work.
Our Record.
Philadelphia Bulletin.
Phonetic Journal.
Plantation Missionary.
Quarterly Book Review.

Richardson, A. C. 10 nos. magazine.

Search Light.

Shepard, Col. C. O., Bath. 2 maps.

Smith, T. Guilford. 2 maps.

Standard, Chicago.

Thurstone, William. 46 nos. magazines.

Triumphs of Faith.

United States. Bureau of American Republics. Bulletins.

—Bureau of Statistics. Monthly summary.

—Department of Agriculture. Publications

—Department of Labor. Bulletins.

—Patent Office. Official Gazette.

—State Department. Consular reports.

—Treasury Department. Bureau of Statistics. Bulletins.

Westfield Republican.

ACT OF THE LEGISLATURE

AUTHORIZING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE BUFFALO PUBLIC
LIBRARY AND PROVIDING FOR THE MAINTENANCE
OF THE BUFFALO PUBLIC LIBRARY AND
THE GROSVENOR LIBRARY.

AN ACT to amend chapter 47 of the laws of 1837, entitled "An act to incorporate the Young Men's Association of the City of Buffalo," as amended by chapter 393 of the laws of 1886, in relation to a free public library in the City of Buffalo, and to authorize appropriations therefor.

The people of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows :

SECTION 1. Section 2 of chapter 47, of the laws of 1837, entitled, "An act to incorporate the Young Men's Association of the City of Buffalo," as amended by chapter 393 of the laws of 1886, is hereby amended to read as follows :

The Buffalo Library, of the City of Buffalo, is authorized, whenever a majority of the votes cast by its members at a meeting called for that purpose shall approve thereof, to transfer to the City of Buffalo in trust, for the use and benefit of the residents of said city, all of the printed bound books and pamphlets constituting its circulating library, upon such terms and conditions as may be agreed upon by contract between The Buffalo Library and the City of Buffalo.

SEC. 2. Section 3 of said act, as amended by chapter 393 of the laws of 1886, is hereby amended so as to read as follows :

The City of Buffalo is authorized to accept from The Buffalo Library, all the printed bound books and pamphlets constituting its circulating library, in trust, for the use and benefit of the residents of the City of Buffalo, and to make all necessary appropriations for the care, management, maintenance, increase, and extension of said printed bound books and pamphlets, and for all expenses incident

to the proper care, maintenance, management, and equipment of a public library and reading rooms, and by its mayor to enter into a contract, sub-contract, renewal, or modification of a contract with The Buffalo Library, the terms and conditions of which shall first be approved by a majority vote of each body of the Common Council of said city for the acceptance, management, care, maintenance, increase, distribution, and extension thereof, and the proper care, maintenance, management, and equipment of a public library and reading rooms.

SEC. 3. The life members of The Buffalo Library, immediately upon the execution of the contract hereinbefore provided for in section two, shall hereafter have the power of perpetual succession, and they and their successors shall constitute a corporation known as The Buffalo Library, and shall have sole control and management of the real estate and property of The Buffalo Library, and shall annually thereafter hold an election, at which shall be elected a president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, and three managers, which said officers, when elected, shall forthwith become and constitute the trustees of said Buffalo Library, and shall have and may exercise all the powers now vested in the officers, directors, curators, and board of real estate of The Buffalo Library, and with full power to sell and convey any real estate of said Buffalo Library, except the library building and the block on which said library building is located, and to make and adopt by-laws prescribing the duties of the officers and members of the said corporation and for the government thereof.

SEC. 4. The Common Council of the City of Buffalo is authorized to make all necessary appropriations for the care, management, maintenance, increase, and extension of the Grosvenor Library — the free public reference library of the City of Buffalo — and for all expenses incident to the proper care, management, maintenance, increase, extension, and equipment of said Grosvenor Library and its library building, subject to the limitation hereinafter provided.

SEC. 5. The Common Council of the City of Buffalo, for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this act, is authorized to raise annually as a part of the general annual tax, a sum not less than three one hundredths of one per centum, and not more than five one hundredths of one per centum of the total taxable assessed valuation of the property of the City of Buffalo. One fifth of said amount shall be paid to the trustees of the Grosvenor Library for the purposes of said library as hereinbefore specified, and four fifths of said amount

shall be paid to the trustees, who, by the terms of the contract between said Buffalo Library and the City of Buffalo as hereinbefore provided in section two, shall have the control and management of the said printed bound books and pamphlets constituting the circulating library aforesaid.

SEC. 6. All acts or parts of acts inconsistent with the provisions of this act as hereby amended, are hereby repealed so far as they are inconsistent herewith.

SEC. 7. This act shall take effect immediately.

AN ACT to amend chapter 16 of the laws of 1897, entitled "An act to amend chapter 47 of the laws of 1837, entitled 'An act to incorporate the Young Men's Association of the city of Buffalo,' as amended by chapter 393 of the laws of 1886, in relation to a free public library in the city of Buffalo and to authorize appropriations therefor," to provide for the election of managers.

The people of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows :

SECTION 1. Section three of chapter 16 of the laws of 1897, entitled "An act to amend chapter 47 of the laws of 1837, entitled 'An act to incorporate the Young Men's Association of the city of Buffalo,' as amended by chapter 393 of the laws of 1886, in relation to a free public library in the city of Buffalo, and to authorize appropriations therefor," is hereby amended to read as follows :

The life members of The Buffalo Library shall hereafter have the power of perpetual succession, and they and their successors shall constitute a corporation known as The Buffalo Library, and shall have sole control and management of the real estate and property of The Buffalo Library. At the annual election of The Buffalo Library for the year 1898, which shall be held on the 19th day of February of that year, there shall be elected five managers, who shall have and may exercise all of the powers now vested in the officers of The Buffalo Library. The term of office of the managers of The Buffalo Library shall be five years, except that the term of office of the managers to be elected at the

annual election for the year 1898, shall be one, two, three, four and five years respectively, as shall be determined by lot at a meeting of said managers to be held forthwith after said election for that purpose. At each annual election after the year 1898, to be held in the month of February, one manager shall be elected for a term of five years. Any vacancy in the office of manager of The Buffalo Library may be filled by the other managers until the next ensuing election, at which time a manager shall be elected to fill the vacancy for the unexpired portion of the term. The said managers, after each annual election, shall organize as a board by the election from their number of a president and vice-president; they shall have power to appoint a secretary and treasurer, and to fix the annual salary of the incumbent of said office at a sum not to exceed \$1,000 per annum.

SEC. 2. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with the provisions of this act, are repealed, so far as they are inconsistent herewith.

SEC. 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

CONTRACT BETWEEN THE BUFFALO LIBRARY AND THE CITY OF BUFFALO.

THIS AGREEMENT made this 24th day of February, 1897, by and between The Buffalo Library of the City of Buffalo, in the County of Erie, and State of New York, a corporation duly organized and existing under and by virtue of the Laws of the State of New York, party of the first part, and the City of Buffalo, a municipality in the County and State aforesaid, party of the second part,

WITNESSETH: That by virtue of the power conferred upon the parties hereto by Chapter 16 of the Laws of the State of New York, for the year 1897, and in consideration of the mutual promises and agreements of the parties hereto, each with the other respectively, as hereinafter set forth, it is agreed by and between the said parties as follows:

First. The party of the first part, The Buffalo Library, does hereby assign, transfer and set over to the party of the second part, The

City of Buffalo, in trust, for the period of 99 years from the date hereof, for the purpose of establishing a free, public circulating and reference library, for the use and benefit of the citizens of Buffalo, upon the terms and conditions hereinafter specified, all and singular the printed bound books and pamphlets constituting the circulating and reference library of the said party of the first part, consisting of upwards of 84,000 volumes of printed bound books and 10,000 pamphlets, the property of the said party of the first part, and now on the shelves of The Buffalo Library on the square bounded by Broadway, Washington, Clinton and Ellicott streets in the said City of Buffalo, and of the estimated value of the sum of \$160,000, and will also pay over to the directors of the Buffalo Public Library as hereinafter provided, for the use and benefit of said library, all the net income which the said party of the first part may derive from property which it now has or may hereafter acquire, either by bequest or otherwise, reserving, however, the right to dispose of any real estate which it now has, excepting the square above described, upon which the library building is situate ; the proceeds from such sale to be used, in the first instance, in the discharge of liens, incumbrances or debts of the Buffalo Library outstanding at the time of such sale, and the residue thereof to be invested in some safe and permanent security, the income from which shall be devoted to the use and benefit of the Buffalo Public Library.

Second. The party of the second part hereby accepts from the party of the first part all and singular the printed bound books and pamphlets constituting the circulating and reference library of the said party of the first part, in trust, for a period of 99 years from the date hereof, for the purposes described and limited in the first paragraph of this agreement, and in consideration of said transfer by said party of the first part of its circulating and reference library to the party of the second part, as hereinbefore specified, the said party of the second part hereby covenants and agrees to maintain in said City of Buffalo for a period of 99 years from the date hereof, a free, public circulating and reference library for the use and benefit of the citizens of Buffalo, and to annually appropriate, assess, levy, collect, and pay over to the directors hereinafter provided for, for the care, management, maintenance, increase, extension, repairs, improvements and equipment of a library and reading rooms, a sum of not less than four fifths of three one hundredths of one per centum of the

total taxable assessed valuation, as made from year to year, of the property in the City of Buffalo.

Third. Upon the execution of this instrument, by the parties hereto, the said printed bound books and pamphlets, together with all additions thereto which may be made from time to time, shall be thereafter known and designated by the name of The Buffalo Public Library.

Fourth. The control and management of The Buffalo Public Library, and of all moneys appropriated by the City of Buffalo for the care, maintenance, management, and equipment of said library, and of the increase and extension thereof, and of all income of property derived from every source whatsoever, shall be vested in a board of ten directors, to consist of the following persons, to wit: The President, Vice-President, and the three managers of The Buffalo Library, the Mayor, the Corporation Counsel, and the Superintendent of Education of the City of Buffalo, who shall be ex-officio members of said Board of Directors, and two citizens of the City of Buffalo, not life members of the Buffalo Library, to be appointed by the Mayor of said city within 10 days after the execution of this agreement, for the term of five years, except that in the first appointment one of said two directors shall be designated for a term of five years and the other for a term of three years, and all vacancies which shall occur thereafter by the expiration of a full term of five years shall be filled forthwith by appointment of the Mayor for a full term of five years; all other vacancies in the office of said two directors shall be filled by appointment of the Mayor for the unexpired term only.

Fifth. The said Board of Directors shall have full power and control in the care, management, maintenance, increase, and extension of said printed bound books and pamphlets constituting the said The Buffalo Public Library, and may incur all necessary expenses incident to the procurement, care, maintenance, management, extension, and equipment of a public library and reading rooms, and to do all things necessary thereto, and to make all purchases, repairs, and improvements necessary to keep and maintain the said The Buffalo Public Library up to the standard of a first-class free public distributing and reference library, and to establish and maintain from time to time, as the means at their command will permit, such distributing stations, circulating libraries, and district libraries in the City of Buffalo, as, in their judgment, shall best subserve the public interests, subject only to

the limitation that they shall contract no indebtedness in any fiscal year which shall be in excess of the annual income of said library from all sources, including the appropriation by the City of Buffalo, for the use and benefit of the said The Buffalo Public Library, for such year, nor shall said Board of Directors hypothecate or in any manner encumber any of the property of the said The Buffalo Public Library.

Sixth. The said The Buffalo Public Library shall be a free public circulating and reference library for the use and benefit of the residents of the City of Buffalo, subject, however, to such rules and regulations as may be made by the Board of Directors for the management thereof, and shall be open for the free access of the public not less than 10 hours on Sundays and legal holidays and not less than 12 hours on all other days.

Seventh. The net income derived from all sources by The Buffalo Library shall be turned over quarterly, from the date of this agreement, to the Board of Directors of The Buffalo Public Library.

Eighth. The annual appropriation made by the City of Buffalo, as hereinbefore provided for the use and benefit of The Buffalo Public Library, shall be paid over quarterly, from the date of this agreement, to the Board of Directors of The Buffalo Public Library.

Ninth. The Board of Directors of The Buffalo Public Library shall annually, hereafter, during the continuance of this agreement, and on or before the first Monday of February in each year, make and transmit to the Common Council of the City of Buffalo an annual, detailed, financial statement showing all expenditures made by said board, and the purposes for which made, during the year ending the 31st day of December previous thereto, together with a report showing the property and condition of The Buffalo Public Library at such time.

Tenth. The Board of Directors, hereinbefore provided for, shall meet on the third Monday of March, 1897, at 12 o'clock noon, and organize by the adoption of by-laws for the governing of said board and by the election of officers, who shall consist of a president, vice-president and executive committee of three members of said board, and shall annually meet thereafter on the third Monday of March and shall elect officers, as specified herein, for the ensuing year; seven directors shall be necessary to constitute a quorum, and five affirmative votes shall be necessary for the adoption of any resolution.

Eleventh. Upon the expiration of the term for which this agreement is made, the same may be renewed at the option of the party of the second part, or a new agreement entered into between the parties hereto, otherwise the property and accumulations of The Buffalo Public Library shall vest in The Buffalo Library, in trust, for the use and benefit of the citizens of Buffalo.

Twelfth. A certified copy of the resolutions adopted by the members of The Buffalo Library authorizing the execution of this agreement and a certified copy of the resolution adopted by the Common Council of the City of Buffalo, together with the approval thereof by the Mayor, shall be annexed to and form a part of this agreement ; and this agreement shall be made and executed in triplicate, one part of which shall be filed and recorded in the Erie County Clerk's office, one part shall be filed and recorded in the office of the City Clerk of the City of Buffalo and shall be printed in the Common Council proceedings of said city, and one part shall be filed with the records of The Buffalo Library and shall be published with the annual report of said library.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the said parties hereto have each caused its corporation seal to be hereunto affixed, and this indenture to be subscribed, the Buffalo Library, by its President and Secretary, and the City of Buffalo, by its Mayor, the day and year first above written.

EDGAR B. JEWETT,

Mayor.

NATHANIEL W. NORTON,

President.

FREDERICK TRUSCOTT,

Secretary.

STATE OF NEW YORK, }
COUNTY OF ERIE, } ss.
City of Buffalo, }

On this 1st day of March in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven, before me personally came Frederick Truscott, to me known, who, being by me duly sworn, did depose and say that he resided in the City of Buffalo, Erie County, N. Y., that he is the

Secretary of The Buffalo Library, the corporation described in and which executed the above instrument ; that he knew the seal of said corporation ; that the seal affixed to said instrument was such corporate seal ; that it was so affixed by order of the Board of Directors of said corporation, and that the President and this deponent signed their names thereto by like order.

HERBERT F. J. NORTON,
Notary Public in and for Erie County, New York.

STATE OF NEW YORK, }
COUNTY OF ERIE, } ss.
City of Buffalo, }

On this 1st day of March, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven, before me personally came Edgar B. Jewett, to me known, who, being by me duly sworn, did depose and say that he resided in the City of Buffalo, N. Y.; that he is the Mayor of the City of Buffalo, the municipality described in and which executed the above instrument ; that he knew the seal of said corporation ; that the seal affixed to said instrument was such corporate seal ; that it was so affixed by like order of the Common Council of said municipality, and that he signed his name thereto by like order.

C. W. SICKMON,
Notary Public in and for Erie County, New York.

The execution of the above contract was reported to the Common Council on March 8, 1897, by the City Clerk, who certified that one of the originals thereof had been filed in his office. The City Clerk recommended that such contract be printed in the official minutes of the session together with the subjoined certificates. The report of the City Clerk was received and filed and his recommendation adopted. The contract, as above stated, may be found in the Common Council Proceedings for 1897, on pages 404-406 inclusive. In the same place may be found the record of the following certificates :

FEBRUARY 25, 1897.

I hereby certify that at a meeting of the members of The Buffalo Library duly called for the purpose of taking action upon the annexed contract between The Buffalo Library and the City of Buffalo con-

cerning the future management of the Library, held in The Buffalo Library on the 24th day of February, 1897, at 8 o'clock in the evening, a resolution was offered by the Hon. Daniel H. McMillan, seconded by Mr. T. Guilford Smith, of which the following is a copy, viz.:

Resolved, That The Buffalo Library hereby approves the proposed contract between The Buffalo Library and the City of Buffalo, dated the 24th day of February, A. D. 1897, which was approved by the Board of Aldermen on the 23d and by the Board of Councilmen of the City of Buffalo on the 24th instant, providing for the transfer of the printed bound books and pamphlets of The Buffalo Library to the City of Buffalo, in trust for the period of ninety-nine years from the date hereof; and The Buffalo Library hereby authorizes, empowers and directs its president and secretary to execute the said contract under the corporate seal.

I further certify that said resolution was adopted by a unanimous vote.

J. N. LARNED,
Secretary.

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE,
CITY AND COUNTY HALL,
BUFFALO, Feb. 25, 1897. }

To whom it may concern:

I hereby certify that at a session of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Buffalo, held in the City and County Hall on the 23d day of February, A. D., 1897, a resolution was adopted, of which the following is a true copy:

Alderman Smither, from the Committee on Finance, reported as follows:

Your Committee on Finance, to whom was referred under date of February 15th, the recommendations of the joint committee of members of the Common Council and representatives of The Buffalo Library, submitting a form of proposed contract for the conduct of The Buffalo Free Library as authorized by Chapter 16 of the Laws of 1897, respectfully reports:

That we have had the matter under due consideration and conferred with representatives of The Buffalo Library, and beg herewith

to submit said contract with some slight amendments, and respectfully recommend the adoption of the same by your Honorable Body.

Adopted.

Ayes — Aldermen Boeckel, Bradish, Butler, Caldwell, Coe, Coughlin, Durr, Franklin, Heerwagen, Kennedy, Keifer, Kick, Kissinger, Maischoss, Menge, Robert, Schaefer, Smith, Smither, Sullivan, Summers, Veling, Walsh, Woltz, Zoeller — 25.

Noes — None.

And that at a session of the Board of Councilmen of the City of Buffalo, held in the City and County Hall on the 24th day of February, A. D. 1897, the action of the Board of Aldermen in passing said resolution was duly concurred in by the following vote :

Ayes — Councilmen Adam, Ash, Byrne, Keller, Klinck, Steul, Utley, Zipp — 8.

Noes — None.

And I further certify that said resolution was submitted to His Honor, the Mayor of the said City of Buffalo, by whom the same was duly approved on the first day of March, 1897.

(Attest.)

MARK S. HUBBELL,
City Clerk.

BY-LAWS OF THE BUFFALO PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Adopted March 22d, and June 29th, 1897.

ARTICLE I.

MEMBERSHIP.

Any person may borrow books from The Buffalo Public Library and become entitled to all its privileges on conforming to the rules and regulations thereof. Borrowers' tickets may be taken up by the Superintendent or Assistant Superintendent for infringement of the rules, but appeal may be made in all cases to the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE II.

OFFICERS.

The officers of The Buffalo Public Library shall be a President, and Vice-President, who shall be the President and Vice-President of The Buffalo Library, and an Executive Committee of three members, who shall be members of the Board of Directors, and a Secretary and Treasurer, not members of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE III.

PRESIDENT.

SECTION 1. The President shall preside at the meetings of The Buffalo Public Library and of the Board of Directors, preserve order therein, and in case of the equal division of the members on any question, give the casting vote.

SEC. 2. He shall also at the annual meeting of The Buffalo Public Library, and at such other times as he shall deem proper, communicate to the said Library or to the Board of Directors such matters and make such suggestions relative to the affairs of the Library as may in his opinion tend to promote its prosperity and welfare.

SEC. 3. The President shall call special meetings at any time he may think fit, and also whenever required to do so by any three members of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE IV.

VICE-PRESIDENT.

In case of the death or absence of the President, or his inability to act, the Vice-President shall perform the duties of the office ; and in case of the absence or inability of the President, and the Vice-President, then some member of the Board of Directors, to be appointed by the Board of Directors, shall perform the duties of the office for the time being.

ARTICLE V.

SECRETARY.

The Secretary, under the direction of the Board of Directors, shall receive and answer all communications addressed to the Board of Directors, shall send written notice to the Directors of the meeting of the Board, both regular and special, shall keep a correct record of the proceedings of the meetings of the Board and perform such other duties as may from time to time be assigned to him by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE VI.

TREASURER.

The Treasurer shall receive all sums of money due the Buffalo Public Library, and all donations in money made for its benefit. He shall pay out the funds of the Library only by direction of the Board of Directors or the Executive Committee. The drafts made upon him shall be signed by the Secretary and countersigned by the Superintendent. He shall keep an account of all his receipts and disbursements, and report the same to the Board of Directors, and at the expiration of his term of office shall deliver over to his successor all funds, books, papers, vouchers and property of every description belonging to the Library. The Treasurer shall give a bond to The Buffalo Public Library executed by some surety company for the faithful performance of his duties, in the penal sum of thirty thousand dollars, which bond shall be subject to the approval of the Board of Directors, and the expense for which shall be paid by the Treasurer.

ARTICLE VII.

SUPERINTENDENT.

SECTION 1. The Board shall appoint a Superintendent and such assistants as may be necessary, and fix their salaries.

SEC. 2. The Superintendent shall be responsible for the efficiency of the library service, subject to the directions of the Board. His duties shall be as follows :

1. He shall have general oversight of the Library, as a library.
2. He shall nominate all employees of the Board and the Board shall appoint only upon his nomination. He may suspend or dismiss any employee for inefficiency or other cause, but the power of dismissal shall also remain in the Board.
3. He shall select and purchase all books and periodicals for the library in accordance with general principles approved by the Board. He shall submit estimates and obtain the approval of the Board or the Executive Committee before making any purchases, provided, however, that he may pay all petty incidental expenses and purchases, books and supplies needed for immediate use, to an amount not exceeding \$200 in any one month, submitting lists and prices to the Board at its next regular meeting.
4. He shall make in writing to the Executive Committee a monthly report of the state of the library with such recommendations as in his judgment will tend to the improvement of the library.
5. He shall also make an annual report in writing to the Board, showing in detail the purchases, expenditures, work, progress and extent and growth, if any, of circulation of the library, and showing in detail the condition of the library.
6. He shall make in writing such other reports from time to time as the Board of Directors or the Executive Committee shall require.

ARTICLE VIII.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

SECTION 1. The control and disposal of the affairs, funds, property and estate, and the direction and management of the concerns of The Buffalo Public Library shall be vested in a board of ten directors, to consist of the President, Vice-President, and the three man-

agers on the part of The Buffalo Library, and the Mayor, Corporation Counsel and Superintendent of Education of the City of Buffalo, and the two directors appointed by the Mayor as provided in the contract between The Buffalo Library and the City of Buffalo, dated February 24th, 1897, seven of whom shall form a quorum and shall provide the means and perform the duties necessary to carry into effect the objects of The Buffalo Public Library. Five affirmative votes shall be necessary to carry any measure.

SEC. 2. The directors shall at the annual meeting of The Buffalo Public Library make a full report of all their proceedings, including reports made to them by the Secretary, Treasurer, Superintendent and Sub-Committees.

SEC. 3. The Board of Directors shall annually hereafter, and on or before the first Monday of February in each year, make and transmit to the Common Council of the City of Buffalo an annual detailed financial statement, showing all expenditures made by said Board, and the purposes for which made, during the year ending the 31st day of December previous thereto, together with a report showing the property and condition of The Buffalo Public Library at such time.

ARTICLE IX.

SUB-COMMITTEES.

SECTION 1. The President shall, at or before the first regular meeting of the Board of Directors, after the annual election, appoint the following standing committees, which shall each consist of three or more members: Executive Committee, of which the President and Vice-President shall be *ex-officio* members; Administration Committee; Extension Committee.

These several committees shall perform such duties as may be incident to the subject entrusted to their charge, and such as may from time to time be requested of them by the Board of Directors.

SEC. 2. The Executive Committee shall have the immediate charge of printing, rooms and fixtures, law, by-laws, finance and of the purchase of books, newspapers and periodicals. It shall also have the immediate charge of the employment of officers, assistants and employees of The Buffalo Public Library. It shall also make recommendations for any and all changes and repairs in and about the library building to the Board of Managers of The Buffalo Library.

All of which powers and duties shall be subject to the direction and approval of the Board of Directors of The Buffalo Public Library.

SEC. 3. The Administration Committee shall have immediate charge of the archives and of the membership and make such rules and regulations for the government and operation of the library as to them shall seem proper, subject to the approval of the Board of Directors.

SEC. 4. The Extension Committee shall have immediate charge of any and all extensions of the library, sub-libraries, traveling libraries and delivery stations, subject to the approval of the Board of Directors.

SEC. 5. At the meetings of any of the standing committees, the chairman thereof shall preside, and in his absence, the member of such committee who is next in order upon such committee shall preside and discharge all the duties of the chairman.

SEC. 6. Special committees shall be appointed by the President, unless directed to be chosen by ballot, and shall consist of such number as may be ordered at the time of their appointment.

SEC. 7. It shall be the duty of the chairman of each committee to properly supervise the expenditures and disbursements of all moneys which shall be appropriated to such committee; and all bills when paid shall be filed by the Treasurer of the Library in the archives.

SEC. 8. All accounts against The Buffalo Public Library shall be certified by the Superintendent, and so certified, shall be presented to the Board of Directors, for approval; if approved, the Secretary shall endorse thereon an order upon the Treasurer for the payment thereof; upon the payment of such account the Treasurer shall take a receipt therefor, and shall at the end of his term of office deliver the same to the Administration Committee to be filed in the archives.

ARTICLE X.

MEETINGS OF DIRECTORS.

SECTION 1. The Board of Directors shall meet on the first Friday in each month, at the rooms of the Library. A special meeting of the Board of Directors shall be held on the Friday next preceding the annual meeting in each year.

SEC. 2. Special meetings may be called by the President or upon the request of three directors, provided that written notice shall be sent to each director 24 hours before the time of meeting, the object of the meeting stated in the notice, and no other business than that stated in the call shall be transacted at a special meeting.

SEC. 3. At 10 minutes after the time of meeting, the Board of Directors shall be called to order and the roll called, and any member of the Board of Directors who shall not appear and answer to his name, or offer at a subsequent meeting of the Board of Directors a sufficient excuse, shall forfeit and pay into the treasury of The Buffalo Public Library the sum of one dollar. If a majority of seven of the members of the Board of Directors do not attend at the time and place of meeting, those present shall have power, after the expiration of 30 minutes, to adjourn to such time as they see fit, not beyond the next regular meeting of the Board of Directors.

SEC. 4. A quorum being present, the minutes of the last meeting shall be read, to the end that any mistakes therein may be corrected, or deficiencies be supplied, after which the order of business shall be as follows :

1. Reports of Select Committees.
2. Reports of Standing Committees.
3. Communications from officers, including the report of the Treasurer, who shall report at the first regular meeting of the Board of Directors in each month the financial condition of The Buffalo Public Library.
4. Unfinished Business.
5. Resolutions, Motions and Notices.
6. Miscellaneous Business.

ARTICLE XI.

ANNUAL MEETINGS.

SECTION 1. There shall be an annual meeting of The Buffalo Public Library on the first Monday in March in each and every year for the purpose of hearing the report of the Board of Directors, the installation of officers, and the transaction of such other business as may come before the Library.

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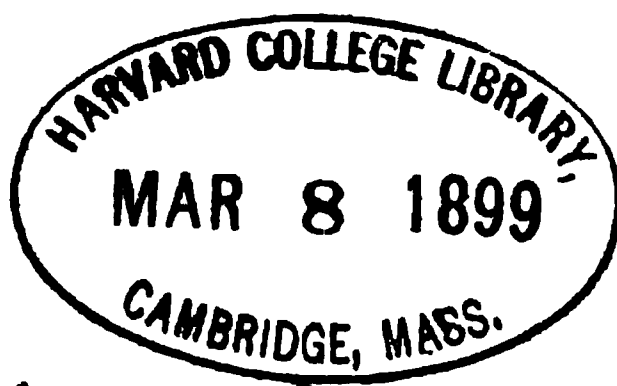
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The Library,

BUFFALO COMMERCIAL FIRE-PROOF PRINTING HOUSE,

JAMES D. WARREN'S SONS, PROPRIETORS,

BUFFALO, N. Y.

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

1898.

REPRESENTATIVES OF THE BUFFALO LIBRARY.

NATHANIEL W. NORTON,	term expires	1899.
JOSEPH P. DUDLEY,	" "	1900.
CHARLES R. WILSON,	" "	1901.
CHARLES W. GOODYEAR,	" "	1902.
GEORGE L. WILLIAMS,	" "	1903.

REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CITY OF BUFFALO.

EX-OFFICIO.

<i>The Mayor,</i>	CONRAD DIEHL.
<i>The Corporation Counsel,</i>	WILLIAM H. CUDDEBACK.
<i>The Superintendent of Education,</i>	HENRY P. EMERSON.

APPOINTED BY THE MAYOR.

MATHIAS ROHR,	term expires	1900.
JOHN D. BOGARDUS,	" "	1902.

OFFICERS.

<i>President,</i>	NATHANIEL W. NORTON.
<i>Vice-President,</i>	GEORGE L. WILLIAMS.
<i>Treasurer,</i>	WILLIAM P. REED.
<i>Secretary,</i>	HENRY L. ELMENDORF.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

JOHN D. BOGARDUS, *Chairman,*
NATHANIEL W. NORTON,
JOSEPH P. DUDLEY,
MATHIAS ROHR,
GEORGE L. WILLIAMS.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

TO THE HONORABLE THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BUFFALO:

Gentlemen,—The Board of Directors of the Buffalo Public Library, in pursuance of the contract and the law, makes its second annual report and detailed financial statement showing all expenditures and the purposes for which made from January 1, 1898, to December 31, 1898, and the property and condition of the Buffalo Public Library on said last named date.

On the first day of January, 1898, there was in the treasury of the Buffalo Public Library a balance of \$8,148.18 with \$14,338.34 of the first year's appropriation still in the hands of the city, making a total of \$22,486.52 with which to pay \$5,500.00 then borrowed from the Buffalo Library, and the running expenses of the library until July 1, 1898.

It therefore became necessary to borrow money from the Buffalo Library from time to time until we had borrowed from it \$19,900.00 more on July 1, 1898, thus making the sum total borrowed from the Buffalo Library at that time \$25,400.00.

This deficiency, or over-draft, was necessitated by reason of the extensive changes made in the library building in fitting it for the uses of the Buffalo Public Library.

To meet this deficiency, the city, in its 1898 budget, made a special appropriation of \$21,044.69, which sum has been fully received and all applied in payment of moneys so borrowed.

To maintain the library and pay the current expenses for the year 1898-99, the city made the appropriation of \$78,955.32, payable quarterly. Of this we have received the sum of \$39,477.66.

We have received from the Buffalo Library as interest on its permanent invested fund, the sum of \$4,127.21; from fines collected and catalogues sold, \$2,993.36; and from the State of New York, \$200.00.

In other words, the resources of the Buffalo Public Library from January 1, 1898, to December 31, 1898, are as follows:

Balance January 1, 1898	\$ 8,148.18
City of Buffalo, on 1897 appropriation	14,338.34
City of Buffalo, deficiency appropriation, 1898	21,044.69
City of Buffalo, current appropriation for 1898 and 1899	39,477.66
The Buffalo Library, interest on permanent fund	4,127.81
Fines, Catalogues, Cards, etc.	2,993.36
Loan from the Buffalo Library	19,900.00
State of New York	200.00
Total Resources	<u>\$110,229.34</u>

These funds have been laid out and expended for the use and benefit of the Buffalo Public Library in the most advantageous manner as the library now conclusively demonstrates.

The aim of the Board of Directors has been to use the resources in its hands to pay the moneys borrowed last year and, with the balance, to maintain the library in the highest state of efficiency possible, and the management points with pride to the record made. We call especial attention to the fact that the Buffalo Public Library from the main building circulated 693,697 volumes which went into the homes of the people of Buffalo, a larger circulation than from the main building of any other public library in the United States. The library whose circulation comes nearest to Buffalo is Chicago, which circulated 601,136 volumes.

It is the determination of the Board of Directors not to exceed or anticipate its appropriation, and, when the year is finished, its expenditures will not exceed its receipts. The funds thus far received have been used in the most economical manner for the purchase of books, periodicals, binding and general administration of the library as follows:

20,045 Volumes of Books purchased,	\$20,548.57
267 Periodicals and 72 Newspapers,	1,350.53
12,037 Volumes of Books bound and 1,137 Current Num- bers of Magazines covered,	5,356.60
Printing Finding-Lists and Catalogues, etc.,	3,247.77
Library Supplies,	2,310.40
Fuel,	1,505.59
Light,	3,212.60
Insurance,	784.00

Building Account,	7,439.29
Miscellaneous,	2,192.41
Salaries 67 Library employees,	30,652.32
Salaries 12 Building employees,	5,066.56
Expense of seven delivery stations,	541.20
Repaid money borrowed of the Buffalo Library,	25,400.00
Cash on hand January 1, 1899,	621.60
Total,	<u>\$110,229.44</u>

We now have available for the maintenance of the library for the current year to July 1, 1899, the balance of \$621.60 cash on hand, and the two quarterly payments due from the city of \$19,738.83 each, making the sum total of \$40,099.26, besides such sums as may be derived from fines and dues and interest from the Buffalo Library.

With this sum the Board expects to be able to maintain the library for the balance of the year with the same degree of activity and efficiency as heretofore.

The Buffalo Public Library now possesses 123,988 bound volumes of books; 507 maps and plans; 845 pieces of sheet music, and 973 children's picture books, all of which are catalogued and arranged for public use.

With this brief summary the Board submits the report of Superintendent Elmendorf as to the detailed working of the library, which is made a part hereof.

By a careful reading of Superintendent Elmendorf's report of the work of the past year, we must conclude that the direction of the library is entrusted to a man of executive ability of a high order, supplemented and rounded out by actual and practical knowledge of library management.

We believe the good work done in the Buffalo Public Library is not excelled by that of any other library of the United States and equalled by few, if any. We feel confident that the City has received full value for every dollar expended for the library's support. The Board of Directors invites you to a critical examination of the report submitted and of the library itself, that you may fully understand the work done and have personal knowledge of the library's condition.

It must be remembered that the Buffalo Public Library is yet in its infancy, not yet having reached its second birthday. The library

was opened for use to the public September 2, 1897, and within this brief time the progress made is such as to challenge the approval of the whole library world.

The system in operation has produced good results not only in the library proper but outside, in the schools, clubs and elsewhere, extending the library's influence in many directions not before attempted in Buffalo.

Mr. Elmendorf is the right man in the right place, a competent librarian, managing the library in a manner which meets the approval of the best librarians throughout the United States.

Mr. Elmendorf has associated in the library to assist in its management a staff of competent men and women who are heartily co-operating with him.

The Board of Directors is gratified with the progress thus far made and it hereby commends the library to the favorable consideration of the Boards of Aldermen and Councilmen, knowing that much has already been accomplished with the means which Your Honorable Body has placed in its hands, but fully believing that much more of good could have been accomplished had the library been furnished more means with which to extend and carry on its work.

The Board of Directors confidently believes that the work already done is so great and beneficent that Your Honorable Body will encourage its continuance by an appropriation for the coming year which will be commensurate with its needs.

The Board of Directors therefore asks for an appropriation of four-fifths of five one-hundredths of one per cent. of the whole taxable property of Buffalo.

Respectfully submitted,

NATHANIEL W. NORTON,

President.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Statement of the Treasurer of the Buffalo Public Library from January
1, 1898, to January 1, 1899.

RECEIPTS.

Balance, Jan. 1, 1898,	\$ 8,148.18
City of Buffalo,	74,860.69
Interest,	4,127.21
Fines, etc.,	2,993.36
Borrowed from Buffalo Library,	19,900.00
State of New York,	200.00
	<u>\$110,229.44</u>

EXPENDITURES.

Books,	\$20,548.57
Periodicals,	1,350.53
Binding,	5,356.60
Printing,	1,222.97
Finding-Lists,	2,024.80
Library Supplies,	2,310.40
Fuel,	1,505.59
Light,	3,212.60
Insurance,	784.00
Building Account,	7,439.29
Miscellaneous,	2,192.41
Salaries, Library Employees,	30,652.32
Salaries, Building Employees,	5,066.56
Delivery Stations,	541.20
Repaid Buffalo Library,	25,400.00
Balance January 1, 1899,	621.60
	<u>\$110,229.44</u>

WM. P. REED, *Treasurer.*

BUFFALO, N. Y., Jan. 27, 1899.

We have examined the books and vouchers of Mr. William P. Reed, the Treasurer of the Buffalo Public Library, and find the same to be correct. The examination covers the period from Jan. 1, 1898, to Jan. 1, 1899.

WM. J. & E. GUNNELL,
Public Accountants and Auditors.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE BUFFALO PUBLIC LIBRARY :

Gentlemen,—I have the honor to present herewith the second annual report of the Superintendent of the Buffalo Public Library, covering the year 1898, the sixty-third since the founding of the Buffalo Library.

This is the first complete year of the institution as a free library, and there are, therefore, no figures available for comparative statistics.

The head, or assistant-in-charge, of each department of the library, has presented a written report to the Superintendent and much of the material thus obtained is used in this report in the exact form presented. The arrangement follows the form of the report of last year.

REGISTRATION.

Number of registered borrowers Jan. 1, 1898,	32,116
Registered during 1898 :	
Borrowers under 14 years,	6,957
" over 14 years,	11,432
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Cards issued 1898,	18,389
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	50,505
Cancelled Cards :	
Borrowers under 14 years,	86
" over 14 years,	600
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Total cancellation 1898,	686
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Cards in force January 1, 1899, . .	49,814

CONTENTS OF LIBRARY.

The last report showed a total of bound volumes in the	
Library January 1, 1898,	101,628
Added by purchase,	20,045
Added by gift,	1,218

Added by binding,	410	
Added by exchange,	5	
Recovered, formerly reported as lost,	9	
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Total additions,		21,687
Deductions—Charged but not returned,	39	
Lost in 1896—97,.	248	
Lost from children's reading-room,	27	
Lost and paid for,	36	
Worn out and withdrawn,	775	
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Total withdrawals,		1,125
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Net additions,		20,562
Directories temporarily placed,		64
Duplicate collection, not catalogued and not in use,		1,734
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Total bound volumes January 1, 1899,		123,988
Maps and plans,		507
Sheet music,		845
Children's picture books,		973

In the inventory of 1897, 348 books were unaccounted for. One hundred of them have since been found, and the balance, 248, has been deducted from the number of volumes owned by the library. Nine books reported lost in 1896 were recovered and added to totals.

The inventory for 1898 is not complete, but is in progress. The departments and classes checked indicate that the losses are light, and in comparison with the circulation, insignificant. For instance, the class Biography numbers 7,599 books. The check shows all but 12 volumes accounted for. These are divided: book-stack 3, open shelves 8, children's room 1. Some of these will undoubtedly be found later, being probably misplaced on the shelves.

The reference books on open shelves are checked every month. At the last inventory nine volumes were unaccounted for. Four of these have probably been stolen and five are thought to be merely misplaced. The complete inventory of the children's department shows two hundred and twenty-eight volumes missing. These are not deducted from the totals, but carried on a missing list until next year. Many

of 22 times for every book, figured on the average, or 19 times, figured on the greatest number of books in the department. The total circulation from this department exceeded the total circulation from the delivery counter by 27,146. The average number of attendants in the open shelf department was 3. The average number of attendants at the delivery counter was 12, which at an average salary, \$420 a year, shows a saving of \$3,780 in favor of the open shelves.

The percentage of fiction drawn from the open shelves is 2 per cent. greater than from the delivery counter, and 4 per cent. greater than the general percentage of the circulation of the entire library. This is because all the new novels, with other new books, are, for a short time, put into a special case in this room.

A selection of German books has been added to the department. These books have been well used and their number will be increased.

One case is devoted to special topics. In this a selection of books on the following subjects has been presented at appropriate times during the year :

- China and the Powers, with maps.
- Lincoln.
- Washington.
- The Spanish-American War.
- The Navy and Naval Warfare.
- Gladstone.
- Out-of-door books.
- Bismarck.
- College Life.
- The English in the Soudan.
- Christmas.

These collections have numbered from twenty-five to one hundred and fifty volumes each. In every instance the books have been almost immediately drawn, and the difficulty has been to supply the demand of the awakened interest in the subject.

The department is a great resource to people who cannot get the special books they want at the delivery counter. The assistant then goes with the borrower to the adjoining open shelves and shows where books on the same subject are arranged. It is also a great means of bettering the class of reading by placing the best books where people can handle them, and letting good literature recommend itself. The

open shelf room also serves as the main reading room and is well filled from morning till night every day.

The privileges of the open shelf room in no way interfere with the custom of permitting those who wish to examine the entire collection in the main book stack.

The classification of books in this department is detailed in Appendix C.

CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT.

The circulation of this department for the year was 129,587—a daily average of 423. This circulation is a falling off during the last four months of the year, as compared with the last four months of last year, of 18,473. This may be accounted for partly by the fact that a large number of children have used their tickets to draw books from the school libraries, but more truly, because last year the new room attracted children who, from the novelty and for the fun of the process, drew books every day and returned them the next.

The number of hours of opening has been reduced, the department being closed at 6 p. m. by order of the Board of Directors. The head of the department makes an earnest plea in her report for opening in the evening.

The net additions to the department were 937 volumes, making a total of 8,120. A table of the classification of the books is given in Appendix D.

REFERENCE DEPARTMENT.

The number of volumes in this department is 2,066, a net increase for the year of 223. Some important additions are: Meyers Konversations-Lexikon, 18 vols.; the Irving Shakespeare, 8 vols.; Encyclopædia of the laws of England, 12 vols.; complete one volume editions of the chief English and American poets, and many dictionaries of modern languages.

There are seats for about forty students in the reference room. It has been full many times, often overflowing into the main reading room adjoining.

As the shelves are open to the public, the only statistics kept are of the number of books brought from the main book stack to the reference room for the use of the students. These numbered 35,811. These are not included in the statistics of circulation of the library.

The reference librarian and one assistant constitute the regular force of the department.

The constantly growing use and usefulness of this department is one of the most gratifying features in the progress of the library.

PERIODICAL DEPARTMENT.

The average number of readers in this department during the year has been 208 daily. The number of periodicals taken is 267, of which 39 are gifts. The titles and authors of the principal magazine articles are each month posted on bulletin boards, and the Cumulative Index to periodicals is kept on file. The appearance and usefulness of the room have been greatly improved by the new cases, which display all the periodicals within easy reach of the visitor, allow the attendant a complete view of the room, and do not obstruct the light.

Lists of the periodicals on file in the different departments and of those of which extra copies are taken for circulation are given in Appendix E.

NEWSPAPER DEPARTMENT.

The newspaper room is supplied with 47 daily and 25 weekly papers. The average daily attendance has been 220. Although the room is separated from the main library, there has been no trouble in maintaining order and quiet. The clipping from daily papers of items of local history for preservation in scrap books has been continued and these clippings indexed.

Each of the Buffalo papers contributes an extra copy of its paper for our bound files. It would be much more convenient if our bound newspapers could be in the same building with the current papers, and measures are now under consideration by the Board of Directors to effect this improvement. The papers and periodicals in this department are listed in Appendix F.

CATALOGUE DEPARTMENT.

During the year 21,676 volumes and 1,200 pamphlets have been classed, catalogued, prepared for the shelves and added to the library.

An author list of all German books and a special card catalogue of books in the German language have been made.

The entire shelf list of fiction, comprising about 25,000 volumes, has been remade and Cutter numbers assigned. This was done because

the old shelf list on sheets had become, through alterations and additions, almost unusable. This secures an alphabetic order of the books on the shelves. Under the old system each author had an arbitrary number and individual books could only be found by ascertaining from the catalogue what that number was. The alphabetic author arrangement is a perfect guide to the shelves. The change required the writing of 25,000 new book slips and reslipping and relabelling the books. The greater ease with which books are found and the greater surety of finding them when called for amply justify the change.

Cutter numbers and the alphabetic arrangement have also been applied to the 7,500 books of biography, and at the same time copy was prepared for a biography finding-list in which nearly all biographical collections were analyzed.

The periodicals, heretofore classified and arranged in one, two, three order under the class, are now being put in alphabetic order.

A dictionary catalogue was begun in August and 1,550 new books have been thus catalogued. This catalogue is being kept to date and the different classes in the library are being taken up as current work allows. The class Science is now well under way and the public will be given the benefit of the catalogue as it progresses.

A collection of decorated book covers was begun some years ago. Of late the demand for these designs has greatly increased and all ornamented book covers are now saved, grouped to form volumes of two sizes, and bound. Twelve volumes are now in circulation.

What amounts to the time of one assistant is given by the catalogue department for work in the reference room with great benefit to both departments. The cataloguers learn the wants of the public and how to make the library available, and greatly aid the reference librarian by their knowledge of the library, its catalogues and reference lists. Copy has been prepared and proof read for all the library publications which are listed under the head of publications.

Ten special reference lists have been prepared and posted on the bulletin board and published in the daily papers.

BINDING.

Total number of volumes bound,	12,037
Current numbers of magazines covered,	1,137
Total cost of binding,	\$4,949.33

There has been an improvement in the work and a slight reduction in cost. The work is economically and well done. The only difficulty of our present arrangement is that we cannot get as much binding done as we need. At the close of the year 4,659 books were at the bindery, some of them out more than sixty days, and there was also an accumulation of 2,000 more in the library ready to send out. Thus the public is deprived for too long a time of the use of nearly 7,000 of the most needed books.

PUBLICATIONS.

An author-title list of all the library's books in the German language was published in March. This is the first time the library has printed a separate German list.

A classed list of all books in the Children's Department with author and title entries of stories was issued in April.

A complete finding-list of biography, with collections analyzed, was printed in July.

The change in the arrangement and numbering of fiction made necessary the publishing of a new catalogue of that class. The edition of the Finding-List of Fiction and Literature published last year was entirely exhausted, more than half its cost having been returned in sales. The new catalogue, in addition to authors, has title-entries and proves very useful.

These lists, with the catalogue of Science, etc., published in 1896, brings the printed index of the library well up to date. Ten bulletins of recent additions have been issued. These are not complete and merely serve as selected lists to call attention to current books.

Number four of the special reading list series is on Greek sculpture, and was prepared for the occasion of the opening of the exhibition of casts in the Fine Arts Academy.

The catalogue of the Gluck collection of manuscripts and autographs has been in preparation for some time and is now nearly ready for the press. This will be the most important publication of the library for the coming year.

In November we published a list of books recommended as appropriate for Christmas gifts to young folks, giving author, full title, account of illustrations, publisher, price, and approximate age for which the book was suited. The books represented were placed on exhibition under charge of an assistant, from November 28th to

December 20th. The list attracted much attention from the press of this and other cities. Many people examined the books and made selections from them for presents for the little ones. The exhibit seemed so much appreciated that we hope to have another next year, somewhat larger.

Grateful acknowledgment should be made to the press of the city, which has treated the library with the greatest courtesy in publishing its news and in printing its reading lists.

STAFF.

A list of the staff is given in Appendix G. In August the position of Superintendent of Circulation was established, and the library was very fortunate in securing Mrs. B. S. Fulton to fill it. It was intended, in creating this office, to call into the service of the library a wise, mature woman, who should be given immediate charge of the library staff as well as of the details of management of the circulating department. It is desired that she shall be an easily accessible medium between the book borrowers and the library. The result of her service is already noticeable, and will be more so as the public comes to know of the office and to recognize the able, kindly woman who fills it. Mrs. Fulton graduated at the head of her class at Vassar College, where she filled the position of assistant librarian for two years. She has also had experience as a teacher of English literature since her graduation from college.

Miss Hannah G. Fernald, who had charge of the children's department from its opening, resigned her position September 1st, to go home to her parents, who needed her. This was a great loss to the library, as Miss Fernald had a very winning manner with the children and great success in gaining their confidence.

In September the Board of Directors passed a resolution that appointments to the staff should be made only from an eligible list to be obtained by a competitive examination, previous library experience or library school training being the only cause for exemption from examination.

An examination under this rule was held November 5, 1898. There were seventy candidates, six of whom answered over seventy-five per cent. of the questions correctly. From this eligible list two appointments have been made each proving satisfactory.

The same examination questions were given the library force. Only two failed to make 75 per cent. and the general average was 82 per cent.

I quote from the report of the Superintendent of Circulation, Mrs. B. S. Fulton: "I desire especially to commend the spirit which exists among the members of the staff. They are interested in their work, eager to do their best, and almost invariably courteous and helpful both to each other and to those whom they serve. The public has, in most cases, responded generously. Old members sometimes regret the times when the library existed for the private use of a few, and when they could always secure immediately any desired book, but the change merely proves the popular use and appreciation of the books by the public and is, to some extent, inevitable in a prosperous public library. Most of those who lament the old times submit gracefully to the greater good of the greater number. In general, we find the public very pleasant to serve and quick to appreciate all courtesy and interest shown them."

SCHOOLS.

Early in the year the Board of Directors took up the consideration of school libraries. It was thought best to make an experiment with a few of the schools only the first year. Ten schools were chosen by the Superintendent of Public Instruction. By permission of the State Superintendent and City Superintendent and the consent and co-operation of the school principals, the school libraries, which had been gathered during many years, were turned over to the Public Library. These were entered in a register and marked as the property of the public schools. Those books considered unsuitable for school use for any reason were packed, marked with the number of the school from which they came and stored in the library building.

A graded list of books was prepared and, before any selections were made or books purchased, this list was submitted to the State Superintendent and the City Superintendent and the written approval of each secured. This list was to have been printed, but as soon as the books were put in use it was found that many changes were necessary, particularly in the grades to which the books were assigned. The list will be revised and printed this year.

The books were next divided into class-room libraries and prepared for circulation. Simple record books were made for the teacher to

take account of the books drawn. The pupils were required to have cards for the library and application blanks were furnished the teacher, endorsed by her and sent to the library where the cards were issued.

One hundred and sixty-three of these class-room libraries, aggregating 6,407 books, or 39 to a class room, were sent out in October. The total circulation for the months of October, November and December was 27,469. Principals and teachers have heartily co-operated with the library in this effort to supply the pupils with good books and I recommend that the number of schools be increased another year. I trust that eventually all the schools in the city may be included in the plan.

Several thousand pictures have been selected from extra or worn-out numbers of the best magazines and weeklies. These have been carefully mounted on cardboard, classified and clearly labelled, and will be put into the hands of the teachers at once. This is a particularly interesting part of the school work and may be made of no little importance. For example, the beautiful and spirited drawings for Lodge's History of the American Revolution have been cut from *Scribner's Magazine* and form a gallery of illustration for that period which increases the impression made by the narration of events as given in the text books. This is but one of hundreds of examples that could be given. In addition to instructive pictures there is a large collection of those which are valuable because of their beauty and the sentiment or thought expressed. A table of the number of books in each school, with the circulation, is given in Appendix H.

The daily receiving and delivery of books at the Central and Masten Park High Schools has been continued. An assistant reports at each school at 8.15 o'clock in summer and 8.30 o'clock in winter to receive the books, lists and orders for renewal, and makes the return at 1.15 o'clock. The cartage of the books is done by Loomis & Benjamin under a satisfactory contract. Fourteen thousand one hundred and ninety-two books have been circulated in this way and the circulation is on the increase.

TRAVELING LIBRARIES.

Forty traveling libraries have been sent to teachers, literary clubs, chapter houses and social settlements. The books sent number 1,509 and the circulation reported is 3,752. The amount of circulation is no measure of the use of these libraries as most of the books are used

for reference only. I think the supplying of books in this way directly to those most interested in them as important as any branch of the library's work and, with the approval of the Board, will continue to increase it. Applications come in almost daily and all requests have thus far been granted to the extent of the library's resources.

A list of the libraries, with number of books and subjects, is given in Appendix J.

While the 65th Regiment was in camp at Camp Alger the library invited the people of the city to contribute reading matter for the use of the soldiers. A large number of bound and unbound books, periodicals and papers was given in response to the invitation, and twelve cases were shipped to the camp in care of the secretary of the Young Men's Christian Association. All this material was sent out with the understanding that it was to be read and used up, not to be returned. Reports from the men say that the books were very much enjoyed. After the return of the troops, during the month spent at the Armory, a second distribution was made.

DELIVERY STATIONS.

Three new delivery stations have been established during the year—Station E at 1872 Niagara Street, Station F at 2648 Main Street, Station G at corner of Elk and Seneca Streets. The circulation through the seven delivery stations was 28,918. The High Schools are counted as delivery stations, and, including these, the station circulation was 43,110. It takes the entire time of three assistants to do the station work, and including with their salaries the cost of transporting the books, circulation through the stations costs more than any other. The stations reach a part of the population which can be accommodated in no other way until branches are established. Branches are much more economical in proportion to results accomplished and much more satisfactory in every way.

A list of stations is given in Appendix K.

LIBRARY RECEIPTS.

Fines,	\$2,500.22
Catalogues sold,	111.44
Non-resident cards,	36.75
Reserve postals,	171.44
Miscellaneous,	93.51
Total,	\$2,993.36

GIFTS.

Acknowledgment of books and pamphlets given the library during the year is made in Appendix L.

I wish to call particular attention to the gift of the Buffalo Choral Union of 450 volumes and 785 sheets of music. These have been catalogued and are at the service of either singing societies or individuals who want them. The collection consists largely of oratorio music and there is a strong demand that the library add a collection of opera scores.

Another notable gift was the marble bust of Dante by the famous Scotch sculptor, William Brodie, given with its pedestal by Mr. J. N. Adam. This is an ornament to the Art and Autograph room.

A number of friends purchased and gave to the library an engraving of Little Nell and her Grandfather which came from the original Old Curiosity Shop in London. This now decorates the walls of the Children's Room where it was put at the request of the subscribers.

GENERAL.

The large additions to the library have crowded the shelves and the Board is now considering the extension of the book-stack.

The library needs more and better light, although the present expense of lighting is one of the large items in the Treasurer's account. I believe that it would be an economy to install an electric light plant of our own.

The library building, so convenient in other respects, has no elevator. An elevator would cost about \$4,500, and the the cost of running it would be about \$1,500 a year additional. I think the increased use of the upstairs rooms and the convenience of the public would warrant this expense.

Branches in the parts of the city distant from the library are our greatest need. One in the Black Rock district will be provided for when the Jubilee Water-Works' property is sold, and I trust others will quickly follow.

The library management has already expressed to the committee in charge of the Pan-American Exposition its interest in that enterprise and its desire to do its share of the work. In every exposition, from the Centennial to the Trans-Mississippi, a library exhibit and a library

congress have been among the most interesting features. No effort will be spared to have the Buffalo Exposition as successful on library and educational lines as any which has preceded it.

In conclusion, gentlemen, allow me to congratulate you on a successful library year and bright prospects for the Library's future. I thank you most heartily for the support and co-operation you have given me.

Respectfully submitted,

H. L. ELMENDORF.

APPENDIX A.
Classified Contents of the Library.

	Net Additions. Jan. 1, 1898, to Jan. 1, 1899.	Per Cent.	Books. Totals Jan. 1, 1899.	Per Cent.	Pamphlets. Totals, Jan. 1, 1899.
General works,	258	.013	9,020	.074	1,838
Philosophy,	172	.008	1,985	.016	253
Religion,	906	.044	7,135	.058	528
Sociology,	1,217	.059	12,700	.104	3,578
Philology,	52	.003	720	.006	39
Natural science,	1,755	.085	7,098	.058	440
Useful arts,	873	.042	5,538	.046	1,153
Fine arts,	1,044	.051	4,125	.034	253
Literature,	2,557	.124	11,501	.094	171
Prose fiction,	7,708	.375	33,623	.275	.....
Travel and description,	1,147	.055	6,827	.056	243
Biography,	754	.037	7,598	.062	444
History,	2,055	.100	12,935	.106	770
Special collections :					
Local history and literature,	91	.004	1,259	.010	2,428
Children's reading-room, . . . . .	.....	.....	126	.001	.....
Totals,	20,589	.....	122,190	.....	12,138
Withdrawals from children's reading- room,	27	.....	.....	.....	.....
Net additions, Jan. 1, 1898, to Jan. 1, 1899,	20,562	.....	.....	.....	.....
Duplicate volumes not catalogued and not in use, . . . . .	.....	.....	1,734	.....	.....
Directories, temporarily placed, . . . . .	.....	.....	64	.....	.....
Grand total books, Jan. 1, 1899, . . . . .	.....	.....	123,988	.....	.....

APPENDIX B.

Circulation.

BY CLASSES.

1898.	Jan.	Feb.	March.	April.	May.	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Totals.	Per. Ct.
Magazines, . . .	1,559	1,507	1,691	1,547	1,302	1,235	1,237	1,362	1,311	1,376	1,398	1,361	16,886	.022
Philosophy, . . .	813	762	756	579	372	459	411	502	478	476	494	562	6,664	.009
Religion, . . .	1,103	1,118	1,045	714	532	530	534	540	683	749	694	717	8,959	.012
Sociology, . . .	1,499	1,483	1,494	1,162	879	639	649	767	873	1,351	1,402	1,430	13,628	.018
Philology, . . .	129	119	133	86	75	79	81	80	74	104	90	96	1,146	.001
Science, . . .	2,341	2,407	2,507	1,724	1,271	1,198	920	1,066	1,191	2,335	2,161	2,048	21,169	.028
Useful arts, . . .	1,712	1,827	1,917	1,395	994	893	804	995	1,029	1,346	1,435	1,469	15,816	.020
Fine arts, . . .	1,849	1,712	1,811	1,389	1,033	907	821	1,023	1,054	1,277	1,408	1,350	15,634	.020
Literature, . . .	5,664	5,435	6,001	5,309	4,251	3,168	2,841	3,093	3,510	5,869	6,104	5,483	56,728	.074
History, . . .	6,931	6,738	6,208	4,951	3,504	2,282	1,702	2,014	2,943	5,381	5,448	4,825	52,927	.069
Travel, . . .	2,870	3,047	3,176	2,287	1,661	1,448	1,216	1,501	1,595	2,795	2,669	2,558	26,823	.035
Biography, . . .	3,068	2,923	2,736	2,071	1,574	1,902	1,690	1,829	1,472	2,185	2,227	1,901	25,578	.033
Fiction, . . .	49,667	49,028	51,116	44,329	36,164	33,416	33,861	37,928	35,977	45,426	45,671	43,487	506,070	.659
Totals, . . .	79,205	78,106	80,591	67,543	53,612	48,156	46,767	52,700	52,190	70,670	71,201	67,287	768,028	1.000
Days open, . . .	25	23	27	26	25	26	25	27	25	26	25	26	306	.....
Daily average, . .	3,168	3,395	2,984	2,597	2,144	1,852	1,870	1,951	2,087	2,718	2,848	2,587	2,509	.....
Largest day, . . .	4,768	5,324	5,010	3,985	3,179	2,642	2,536	2,531	3,608	3,686	4,230	4,263	5,324	.....
Smallest day, . . .	1,685	2,132	2,248	1,739	1,688	1,363	1,415	1,444	1,205	1,281	1,254	1,596	1,205	.....

BY DEPARTMENTS.

	Desk.	O. S.	C. R.	Stations.	Schools.	Trav. Ls.	Totals.	Ref. R.
January, .	26,620	31,698	16,363	3,186	1,246	92	79,205	3,517
February, .	26,808	31,500	14,814	3,288	1,455	241	78,106	3,536
March, . .	28,292	31,849	14,277	3,690	2,191	292	80,591	4,702
April, . .	23,975	25,885	12,657	3,202	1,484	340	67,543	3,452
May, . . .	20,098	20,706	9,037	2,283	1,333	155	53,612	2,626
June, . . .	18,466	19,323	7,651	2,201	420	95	48,156	1,815
July, . . .	17,627	19,249	7,959	1,932	.....	.....	46,767	1,542
August, . .	20,083	21,643	9,093	1,881	.....	.....	52,700	2,147
September, .	19,344	21,935	8,177	1,560	971	203	52,190	2,942
October, . .	21,136	24,368	9,317	1,394	14,049	406	70,670	3,086
November, .	23,094	24,792	10,624	1,783	9,954	954	71,201	3,368
December, .	22,539	23,080	9,618	2,518	8,558	974	67,287	3,078
Totals, . .	268,082	296,028	129,587	28,918	41,661	3,752	768,028	35,811

APPENDIX C.

Classified Table of Books in Open-Shelf Room.

ENGLISH.

General Works,	8	
Philosophy,	139	
Religion,	189	
Sociology,	644	
Philology,	14	
Science,	609	
Useful arts,	331	
Fine arts,	248	
Literature,	567	
History,	901	
Travel,	554	
Biography,	881	
Fiction,	8,594	
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GERMAN.

Literature,	51	
History,	4	
Fiction,	350	
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Bound and current magazines,		493

NEW BOOKS—TEMPORARILY PLACED.

Class,	490	
Fiction,	646	
	<hr/>	1,136
Total,		15,713

APPENDIX D.

Classified Table of Books in Children's Room.

General Works,.	43	
Philosophy,	25	
Religion,	229	
Sociology,	161	
Science,	534	
Useful arts,	196	
Fine arts,	163	
Literature,	861	
History,	870	
Travel,	356	
Biography,	309	
Fiction,	4,187	
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Pictures and stories		186
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Total,.		8,120
Children's Reading Room,	126	
Reference books,	74	
Pictures and stories,	29	
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Total,		8,349

APPENDIX E.

Periodicals.

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| *Academe, <i>w.</i> | Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science, <i>bi-m.</i> |
| Academy, <i>w.</i> | Antiquary, <i>m.</i> |
| American Academy of Political and Social Science Publications. Numbered series, <i>f.</i> | Appleton's Popular Science Monthly, <i>m.</i> |
| American Antiquarian, <i>bi-m.</i> | Architecture and Building, <i>w.</i> |
| American Architect, imperial ed., <i>w.</i> | Arena, <i>m.</i> |
| American Architect, regular ed., <i>w.</i> | Army and Navy Journal, <i>w.</i> |
| American Catholic Review, <i>q.</i> | Art Amateur, <i>m.</i> |
| American Chemical Journal, <i>m.</i> | Art Interchange, <i>m.</i> |
| American Economic Association Papers, <i>irregular.</i> | Art Journal, <i>m.</i> |
| American Historical Review, <i>q.</i> | Artist, <i>m.</i> |
| *American Homes, <i>m.</i> | Athenæum, <i>w.</i> |
| American Institute of Electrical Engineers. Transactions, <i>m.</i> | Atlantic Monthly, <i>m.</i> |
| *American Investments, <i>m.</i> | Auk, <i>q.</i> |
| *American Jewess, <i>m.</i> | Babyhood, <i>m.</i> |
| American Journal of Archaeology, <i>irregular.</i> | Babyland, <i>m.</i> |
| American Journal of Mathematics, <i>q.</i> | Banker's Magazine, <i>m.</i> |
| American Journal of Morphology, <i>irregular.</i> | Biblical World, <i>m.</i> |
| American Journal of Philology, <i>q.</i> | Birds, <i>m.</i> |
| American Journal of Psychology, <i>q.</i> | Blackwood's Magazine, <i>m.</i> |
| American Journal of Science, <i>m.</i> | Black and White, <i>w.</i> |
| American Journal of Sociology, <i>bi-m.</i> | Book Buyer, <i>m.</i> |
| American Machinist, <i>w.</i> | Bookman, <i>m.</i> |
| American Microscopical Journal, <i>m.</i> | Book News, <i>m.</i> |
| American Monthly Magazine, <i>m.</i> | *Book Notes, <i>f.</i> |
| American Monthly Review of Reviews, <i>m.</i> | *Book Reviews, <i>m.</i> |
| American Naturalist, <i>m.</i> | Bookseller, <i>m.</i> |
| American Philosophical Society Proceedings. Numbered. | Brochure Series, <i>m.</i> |
| American Statistical Association Papers, <i>irregular.</i> | Buffalo Medical Journal, <i>m.</i> |
| | *Bulletin Continental, Le, <i>m.</i> |
| | *Bulletin Y. M. C. A., <i>m.</i> |
| | Bulletin of the American Geographical Society, <i>q.</i> |
| | *Calendar, <i>m.</i> |
| | *Calvary S. S. Torch, <i>m.</i> |
| | Cassier's Magazine, <i>m.</i> |

*Gift.

- Catholic World, *m*.
 Century, *m*.
 Chambers's Journal, *m*.
 Charities Review, *m*.
 Chautauquan, *m*.
 Child Garden, *m*.
 Child Study Monthly, *m*.
 *Christian Science Journal, *m*.
 *Church Home Quarterly, *q*.
 Church at Home and Abroad, *m*.
 City and State, *w*.
 Collier's Weekly, *w*.
 Consular Reports, *m*.
 Contemporary Review, *m*.
 *Cornell University Agricultural
 Experiment Reports, *m*.
 Cornhill Magazine, *m*.
 Cosmopolitan, *m*.
 Critic, *m*.
 *Criterion, *w*.
 Cumulative Index, *bi-m*.
 Current Literature, *m*.
 Current History, *q*.
 Deutsche Rundschau, *m*.
 Dial, *f*.
 *Dixie, *m*.
 Dublin Review, *q*.
 Eclectic Magazine, *m*.
 Economist, *w*.
 Economic Journal, *q*.
 Edinburgh Review, *q*.
 Education, *m*.
 Educational Review, *m*.
 *Educator, *m*.
 Electrical Engineer, *w*.
 Electrical Engineering, *m*.
 Electrical Review, *w*.
 Electrical World, *w*.
 Engineering, *w*.
 Engineering and Mining Journal, *w*.
 Engineering Magazine, *m*.
 Engineering News, *w*.
 Engineering Record, *w*.
 English Historical Review, *q*.
 English Illustrated Magazine, *m*.
 Essex Antiquarian, *m*.
 Etude, *m*.
 Evangel, *m*.
 Evangelist, *w*.
 *Forester, *m*.
 Fortnightly Review, *m*.
 Forum, *m*.
 Free Russia, *m*.
 Gartenlaube, *f*.
 Gentleman's Magazine, *m*.
 Geographical Journal, *m*.
 Geological Magazine, *m*.
 Good Roads, *w*.
 Graphic, *w*.
 Greater Buffalo, *m*.
 Green Bag, *m*.
 Harper's Bazar, *w*.
 Harper's Monthly, *m*.
 Harper's Round Table, *m*.
 Harper's Weekly, *w*.
 *Hartford Seminary Record, *q*.
 Health Department Monthly Re-
 port, *m*.
 Household Words, *m*.
 Idler, *m*.
 Illustrated American, *w*.
 Illustrated London News, *w*.
 Illustration, *w*.
 Illustrierte Zeitung, *w*.
 Independent, *w*.
 Inland Architect, *m*.
 International Journal of Ethics, *q*.
 International Studio, *m*.
 *Johns Hopkins University Cir-
 cular, *irregular*.

*Gift.

- Johns Hopkins University Studies in Historical and Political Science. Numbered.
 Journal of American Folk Lore, *q*.
 Journal of Education, *w*.
 Journal of Geology, *m*.
 Journal of Political Economy, *q*.
 Journal of the American Chemical Society, *m*.
 Journal of the Association of Engineering Societies, *m*.
 Journal of the Franklin Institute, *m*.
 Journal of the Royal Statistical Society, *q*.
 Journal of the Institution of Electrical Engineers, *irregular*.
 Journal of the Society of Chemical Industry, *m*.
 Journal of the Western Society of Engineers, *bi-m*.
 *Journal of Zoophily, *m*.
 Judge, *w*.
 Kindergarten Magazine, *m*.
 Knowledge, *m*.
 Ladies' Home Journal, *m*.
 *Land of Sunshine, *m*.
 *Le Couteulx Leader, *w*.
 Library, *m*.
 Library Journal, *m*.
 Library World, *m*.
 Life, *w*.
 Lippincott's Magazine, *m*.
 Literary News, *m*.
 Literary World, *f*.
 Literature, *w*.
 Littell's Living Age, *w*.
 Little Men and Women, *m*.
 *Locomotive, *m*.
 Locomotive Engineering, *m*.
 McClure's Magazine, *m*.
 Macmillan's Magazine, *m*.
 Magazine of Art, *m*.
 *Mercury, *m*.
 Mind, *q*.
 Missionary Review, *m*.
 Monist, *q*.
 Monthly Bulletin of the Bureau of American Republics, *m*.
 Monumental Records, *q*.
 Municipal Affairs, *q*.
 Municipal Engineering, *m*.
 Municipality and County, *irreg*.
 Munsey's Magazine, *m*.
 Music, *m*.
 Nation, *w*.
 National Review, *m*.
 Natural Science, *m*.
 Nature, *w*.
 *New Century, *w*.
 New England Historical and Genealogical Register, *q*.
 New England Magazine, *m*.
 New World, *q*.
 New York Genealogical and Biographical Record, *q*.
 *New York State Weather Service, *m*.
 *Newspaper Maker, *w*.
 Nineteenth Century, *m*.
 North American Review, *m*.
 Notes and Queries, *w*.
 Observatory, *m*.
 *Official Gazette of the U. S. Patent Office, *w*.
 *Ogontz Mosaic, *m*.
 Open Court, *m*.
 *Our Church Work, *f*.
 *Our Fellow Creatures, *m*.
 *Our Record, *m*.
 Outing, *m*.

*Gift.

- Outlook, *w*.
 Outlook (English), *w*.
 Overland, *m*.
 Pall Mall Magazine, *m*.
 *Paradise of the Pacific, *m*.
 Pathfinder, *w*.
 Pedagogical Seminary, *q*.
 Pennsylvania Magazine of History, *q*.
 Philistine, *m*.
 Philosophical Magazine, *m*.
 Philosophical Review, *bi-m*.
 *Phonetic Journal, *w*.
 Political Science Quarterly, *q*.
 Popular Astronomy, *m*.
 Popular Science News, *m*.
 Portfolio, *q*.
 *Postal Record, *m*.
 Power, *m*.
 Printer's Ink, *w*.
 Psychological Review, *bi-m*.
 Public Libraries, *m*.
 Public Opinion, *w*.
 Publishers' Circular, *w*.
 Publishers' Weekly, *w*.
 Puck, *w*.
 Punch, *w*.
 Quarterly Journal of Economics, *q*.
 Quarterly Review, *q*.
 *Reader, *m*.
 Revue Bleue, *w*.
 Revue des Deux Mondes, *f*.
 Review of Reviews, English ed., *m*.
 *St. Andrew's Cross, *m*.
 St. Louis Public Library Magazine, *m*.
 St. Nicholas, *m*.
 Saturday Review, *w*.
 School Review, *m*.
 Science, *w*.
 Scientific American, *w*.
 Scientific American Supplement, *w*.
 Scientific American Builders' edition, *m*.
 Scottish Geographical Magazine, *m*.
 Scottish Review, *q*.
 Scribner's Magazine, *m*.
 *Search Light, *m*.
 Short Stories, *m*.
 Society for Psychical Research Proceedings, *irregular*.
 *Sound Currency, *f*.
 *Special Consular Reports. Numbered series.
 Spectator, *w*.
 *Spirit of '76, *m*.
 Strand, *m*.
 Temple Bar, *m*.
 *Triumphs of Faith, *m*.
 Truth, *w*.
 Ueber Land und Meer, *w*.
 *U. S. Labor Department Bulletins, *bi-m*.
 *U.S. Monthly Weather Review, *m*.
 U. S. Postal Guide, *m*.
 *U. S. Statistical Bureau Monthly Summary, *m*.
 U. S. Naval Institute Proceedings, *q*.
 Vom Fels zum Meer, *f*.
 Westermann's Monatshefte, *m*.
 Westminster Review, *m*.
 Whist, *m*.
 X-Ray, *irregular*.
 Yale Review, *q*.
 Youth's Companion, *w*.

SUMMARY.

Monthly,	150
Weekly,	62
Quarterly,	34
Fortnightly,	8
Bi-monthly,	8
Numbered,	4
Irregular,	9
Total,	<hr/> 275

PERIODICALS FOR CIRCULATION.

2 American Monthly Review of Reviews, <i>m</i> .	2 Kindergarten Magazine, <i>m</i> .
1 Arena, <i>m</i> .	4 Lippincott's Magazine, <i>m</i> .
4 Atlantic Monthly, <i>m</i> .	13 McClure's Magazine, <i>m</i> .
1 Babyhood, <i>m</i> .	7 Munsey's Magazine, <i>m</i> .
7 Century, <i>m</i> .	1 Music, <i>m</i> .
4 Cosmopolitan, <i>m</i> .	2 New England Magazine, <i>m</i> .
1 Current Literature, <i>m</i> .	2 North American Review, <i>m</i> .
2 Education, <i>m</i> .	2 Outing, <i>m</i> .
2 Educational Review, <i>m</i> .	1 Overland Monthly, <i>m</i> .
3 Forum, <i>m</i> .	2 Popular Science Monthly, <i>m</i> .
7 Harper's New Monthly Maga- zine, <i>m</i> .	7 Scribner's Magazine, <i>m</i> .
	Total 22 magazines—77 copies.

PERIODICALS IN CHILDREN'S ROOM.

2 Babyland, <i>m</i> .	2 Little Men and Women, <i>m</i> .
1 Birds, <i>m</i> .	7 St. Nicholas, <i>m</i> .
1 Child's Garden, <i>m</i> .	2 Youth's Companion, <i>w</i> .
4 Harper's Round Table, <i>m</i> .	
1 Harper's Weekly, <i>w</i> .	Total 8 magazines—20 copies.

APPENDIX F.

Periodicals in Newspaper Department.

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| Albany Argus, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i> | Judge, <i>w.</i> |
| Albany Journal, <i>d.</i> | *Lancaster Enterprise, <i>f.</i> |
| Boston Journal, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i> | Life, <i>w.</i> |
| Boston Transcript, <i>d.</i> | London Illustrated News, <i>w.</i> |
| Brooklyn Eagle, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i> | London Times, <i>w.</i> |
| *Buffalo Arbeiters-Zeitung, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i> | Louisville Courier-Journal, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i> |
| Buffalo Commercial, <i>d.</i> | Milwaukee Sentinel, <i>d.</i> |
| Buffalo Courier, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i> | *National Odd-Fellow, <i>w.</i> |
| Buffalo Democrat, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i> | New Orleans Picayune, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i> |
| *Buffalo Echo, <i>w.</i> | New York Evening Post, <i>d.</i> |
| Buffalo Enquirer, <i>d.</i> | New York Herald, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i> |
| Buffalo Express, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i> | New York Staats-Zeitung, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i> |
| Buffalo Freie Presse, <i>d.</i> | New York Sun, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i> |
| Buffalo News, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i> | New York Times, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i> |
| *Buffalo Polak. W. Ameryce, <i>d.</i> | New York Tribune, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i> |
| Buffalo Review, <i>d.</i> | *The People, <i>w.</i> |
| Buffalo Times, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i> | Philadelphia Press, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i> |
| Buffalo Tribune, <i>w.</i> | Pittsburgh Dispatch, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i> |
| Buffalo Volksfreund, <i>d.</i> | Puck, <i>w.</i> |
| *Bulletin of the American Iron and Steel Association, <i>bi-m.</i> | Rochester Democrat and Chronicle, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i> |
| Chicago Inter-Ocean, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i> | Rochester Post Express, <i>d.</i> |
| Chicago Times-Herald, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i> | Rural New Yorker, <i>w.</i> |
| Chicago Tribune, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i> | *St. Andrew's Cross, <i>w.</i> |
| *Christian Intelligencer, <i>w.</i> | St. Louis Globe - Democrat, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i> |
| *Christian Register, <i>w.</i> | St. Paul Pioneer Press, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i> |
| *Christian Uplook, <i>w.</i> | San Francisco Chronicle, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i> |
| Cincinnati Enquirer, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i> | *School, <i>w.</i> |
| Cleveland Plain Dealer, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i> | Springfield Republican, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i> |
| *Congressional Record, <i>d.</i> | Syracuse Post-Standard, <i>d.</i> |
| *Corriere Italiano, <i>w.</i> | Toronto Globe, <i>d.</i> |
| Denver News, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i> | *Vorwärts, <i>w.</i> |
| Detroit Free Press, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i> | Washington Post, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i> |
| *Erie County Independent, <i>w.</i> | *Der Westen, <i>w.</i> |
| Forest and Stream, <i>w.</i> | *Westfield Republican, <i>w.</i> |
| Harper's Weekly, <i>w.</i> | Westliche Post, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i> |
| Illinois Staats-Zeitung, <i>d.</i> | |

* Gift.

APPENDIX G.

STAFF.

Henry L. Elmendorf, *Superintendent.*
 Walter L. Brown, *Assistant Superintendent.*
 William Ives, *Librarian.*
 Mrs. Bertrice S. Fulton, *Superintendent of Circulating Dept.*
 William P. Reed, *Treasurer.*
 Mary Ellen Blossom, *Stenographer.*

CATALOGUE DEPARTMENT.

Ellen M. Chandler, <i>Chief,</i>	Margaret B. McCabe,
Mary J. Briggs,	Jane E. Provoost,
Ella G. Christey,	Grace D. Rose,
Alice F. Griffiths,	Marie X. Sevasco,
Eleanor E. Hawkins,	Harriet A. Wood,
Lucia T. Henderson.	

CATALOGUE HELPERS.

Finishing, Marking and Labeling.

Pauline C. D. Dichel,	Elizabeth Eckner,
Mattie C. Schottin.	

BINDERY RECORD AND REPAIR.

Harriet E. Provoost,	Jennie Dillon.
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REFERENCE DEPARTMENT.

Frederick J. Shepard, *Reference Librarian,*
 Robert S. Fletcher, *Assistant.*

CIRCULATING DEPARTMENT.

Fanny B. Meister, <i>Head, Delivery Counter,</i>	
Frances L. Rathbone, <i>Head, Open-shelf Room,</i>	
Gertrude E. Allen,	Grace Huffner,
Alice M. Baritot,	Helen M. Johnson,
Harriet M. Beach,	Florence Maischoss,
Lilian A. Brown,	M. Elizabeth Schanzlin,
Louise F. Brown,	Charlotte J. Van Peyma,
Verona M. Conrad,	Marinda S. White,

Eleanor Cook,	Nellie A. Whitman,
Agnes P. Cruice,	Alice G. Wightman,
William F. McGlashan, <i>Evening Assistant</i> ,	
Joseph N. Slater,	" "
Harry N. Parsons, <i>Fines and Reserve Postals</i> .	

CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT.

Emily S. Coit, <i>Head</i> ,	Frederick G. Dunham,
Lucy L. Cook,	Harry Howard,
Mary E. Corl,	Nettie V. Howard.

SCHOOL AND TRAVELING LIBRARIES.

Claude G. Leland,	Stella M. Bushnell.
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DELIVERY STATIONS.

	James P. Fowler, <i>Head</i> ,
James S. Hucker,	Charles T. Magner.

REGISTRY DEPARTMENT.

Roy E. Downer,	Margaret C. Campbell.
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PERIODICAL DEPARTMENT.

Mrs. Stella B. Ransom,	Sara P. Sheldon.
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NEWSPAPER DEPARTMENT.

Georgia Guiteau,	Robert Ramsey.
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SHELF DEPARTMENT.

Ralph Bond,	Ray G. Pierce,
Ralph E. Doll,	Arthur Whitman,
Harry Flierl.	

SUPPLY CLERK.

Henry Riegel.

ENGINEER AND JANITOR.

John Krieg.

Two Assistants.

Five Women for Cleaning.

CHECK ROOM.

Henry Straub.

One Assistant.

SPECIAL OFFICER.

Madison E. Grantier.

APPENDIX H.

SCHOOL LIBRARIES.

School No. 10, . . .	Class Libraries, 9 .	Total No. Books, 464 .	Circulation, 1,542
" " 14, . . .	" " 9 .	" " " 392 .	" 1,671
" " 17, . . .	" " 18 .	" " " 836 .	" 4,244
" " 20, . . .	" " 15 .	" " " 663 .	" 2,595
" " 26, . . .	" " 18 .	" " " 694 .	" 2,482
" " 47, . . .	" " 15 .	" " " 623 .	" 2,182
" " 49, . . .	" " 17 .	" " " 669 .	" 3,148
" " 51, . . .	" " 16 .	" " " 592 .	" 2,350
" " 52, . . .	" " 19 .	" " " 722 .	" 4,290
" " 58, . . .	" " 18 .	" " " 572 .	" 2,016
Normal school, . . .	" " 9 .	" " " 180 .	" 949
Totals. . 11	163	6,407	27,469

APPENDIX J.

Traveling Libraries.

Jan. 10, '98—Highland Park Lit. Club, .	English Hist.,	40 books
March 1, '98—Truant School,	General,	45 "
March 3, '98—Miss Fox,	N. Y. History,	32 "
March 14, '98—Mrs. Ryerson, M. P. H. S.,	English Lit.,	38 "
March 28, '98—Miss Heacock, School 14, .	American Hist.,	30 "
May 23, '98—Truant School,	General,	50 "
May 28, '98—Miss Sullivan, M. P. H. S.,	Geology,	7 "
Sept. 10, '98—Highland Park Lit. Club, .	English History,	70 "
Sept. 14, '98—Miss Kempke, School 10, .	General,	29 "
Sept. 27, '98—Miss Bates, M. P. H. S., .	Greek His. & Lit.	21 "
Sept. 28, '98—Miss Fox, M. P. H. S., . .	English Lit.,	37 "
Sept. 28, '98—Mr. Detmers, West H. S., .	General,	59 "
Oct. 4, '98—Miss Alport, M. P. H. S., .	English History,	64 "
Oct. 6, '98—Miss Martin, C. H. S., . . .	Science,	43 "
Oct. 12, '98—Miss Nairn, M. P. H. S., .	Roman History,	6 "
Oct. 15, '98—Mrs. Ullman, 'Jewish Circle {	Jewish History,	
	Bible History,	46 "
Oct. 17, '98—Miss Reynolds, M. P. H. S.,	American Hist.,	40 "
Oct. 21, '98—Mrs. Fullerton, School 11, .	American Hist.,	45 "
Oct. 21, '98—Mrs. Fullerton, School 11, .	Science,	36 "
Oct. 21, '98—Mrs. Aird,	English History,	79 "
Nov. 1, '98—Clio Study Club,	American Hist.,	11 "
Nov. 2, '98—Mr. Turner, M. P. H. S., .	Science,	32 "

Nov. 9, '98—Miss Gemmel, M. P. H. S.,	Science,	25 books
Nov. 9, '98—Miss Robinson, St. Margaret's School, . . .	} English Lit.,	20 “
Nov. 16, '98—Chaut. Circle Plymouth M. E. Church, . . .		40 “
Nov. 16, '98—Miss Streeter, School 36. .	American Hist.,	47 “
Nov. 16, '98—Miss Nash, School 14, . .	American Hist.,	51 “
Nov. 17, '98—Miss Stoddard, M. P. H. S.,	English Lit.,	2 “
Nov. 18, '98—Miss Chase, Normal, . . .	Literature,	23 “
Nov. 18, '98—Miss Carroll, Normal, . .	English History,	42 “
Nov. 21, '98—Clio Study Club,	American Hist.,	12 “
Nov. 21, '98—Miss Alport, M. P. H. S., .	English History,	23 “
Nov. 28, '98—Truant School,	Juvenile,	28 “
Nov. 30, '98—Westminster House, . . .	General,	113 “
Nov. 30, '98—Mr. Cobb, School 60, . . .	General,	102 “
Dec. 12, '98—Dr. Barrows, C. H. S., . .	Science,	39 “
Dec. 13, '98—Miss Adsit,	Hist. Fiction,	10 “
Dec. 14, '98—Prendergast Library, . . .	} English History	
Jamestown,		23 “
Dec. 30, '98—Father Sloan, Oblate Fathers	English History,	32 “
Dec. 30, '98—Clio Study Club,	American Hist.,	17 “
Total number of books,		1,509

APPENDIX K.

Delivery Stations.

- A.—Y. M. C. A. Building, Broadway and Bailey Avenue.
EDWARD KETTLE, Keeper.
- B.—Gunn's Pharmacy, 807 Seneca Street.
ROY N. GUNN, Keeper.
- C.—White's Bookstore, 1423 Main Street.
E. R. WHITE, Keeper.
- D.—Tuerke's Drug Store, 72 Forest Avenue.
C. W. TUERKE, Keeper.
- E.—Tuerke's Drug Store, 1872 Niagara Street.
C. W. TUERKE, Keeper.
- F.—Hermann's News Store, 2648 Main Street.
JOHN F. HERMANN, Keeper.
- G.—Hodson's Drug Store, Seneca and Elk Streets.
J. W. HODSON, Keeper.

APPENDIX L—GIFTS.

	Books.	Pamp.
Alden, John B., New York,		I
Alexander, Hon. D. S.,	2	I
Alfred University,		I
American Academy of Political and Social Science,	2	
American Baptist Home Mission Society,		I
American Institute of Mining Engineers,		I
American Irish Historical Society,	I	
American Printing House for the Blind,		I
American Society of Mechanical Engineers,	2	
Amherst College,		I
Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company of Massachusetts, .	I	
Armour Institute of Technology,		I
Athenæum, London,		I
Austin, John Osborne, Providence,	I	
Bacon, William P., New Britian, Conn.,		I
Balch, E. E., Philadelphia,	I	
Bancroft Publishing Company, New York,		I
Barnes, William A., Boston,		I
Beer, William, New Orleans,		7
Benedict, Dr. A. L.,		I
Benton, J. H., Boston,		I
Bingham, Harry, Littleton, N. H.,		I
Bixby, James W.,		I I
Boston Book Company,		I
Boston Children's Aid Society,		I
Botanical Society of America,		I
Bourinot, Sir John G., K. C. M. G., Clerk of the House of Commons, Ottawa, Canada,		25
Bowdoin College,		3
Brett, W. H. Cleveland,	I	
Brown, Goodwin, Albany,	I	
Brown, H. E., Mt. Morris,		2
Brown, Walter L.,		2
Brown University,		2
Brymner, Douglas, Archivist, Canada,		I
Buffalo, Central High School,		I
—City Clerk,	I	
—City Engineer,	3	62
—Common Council,	2	

	Books: Pamp.	
— Comptroller,	2	
— Department of Public Works,		I
— Mayor's Office,	I	I
— Park Commissioners,		I
— Water Bureau,		I
Buffalo, Charity Organization Society,		I
Buffalo Children's Aid Society,	2	
Buffalo Children's Hospital,		I
Buffalo Civil Service Reform Association,		I
Buffalo Forge Company,	2	
Buffalo General Hospital,		4
Buffalo Historical Society,	2	79
Buffalo Merchants' Exchange,		4
Buffalo Society of Natural Sciences,		I
Buffalo, University of,		3
California, University of,		2
— Trustees of the Phebe Hearst Architectural Plan,		I
Chapin, Willis O.,		I
Chautauqua Assembly,		I
Chicago Board of Trade,	I	
Chicago College of Law,		I
Chicago, University of,		2
Cleveland Board of Education,		I
Columbia University,	2	I
Cooper Union,		I
Cornell University,		I
Cornwell, William C.,		I
Dantzer, C. Orvis, Syracuse,		7
Darrow, E., & Company,	I	
Dan Publishing Company,	2	
De La Camp, Otto A.,	I	
Dellenbaugh, F. S., New York,	I	
Depew, Dr. Chauncey M.,		I
Dunham, Sydney A.,		I
Egleston, G. W., Kinnersley Castle, Hereford, England, .	I	
Elmendorf, H. L.,	2	I
Elmwood School,		I
Emerson, Henry P.,	I	2I
Emmet, Thomas Addis, New York,	I	
English American Reading Class,		I
Erie County Board of Supervisors,		I

THE BUFFALO PUBLIC LIBRARY.

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Books. Pamp.

Erie County Eye, Ear and Throat Hospital,	I	
Erie County Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Ani- mals,	2	
Fairmount Park Art Association, Philadelphia,	I	
Field Columbian Museum, Chicago,	5	
Finley, W. W., Washington,	I	
Fleury, Eugene T.	11	
Flower, Hon. Charles N., Washington,	I	
Foote, Allen R., Tacoma Park, D. C.,	2	
Fox, George W., Boston,	10	
Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster, Pa.,	I	
Gibbons, Emma,	10	
Green, Samuel S., Worcester, Mass.,	I	
Gregory, Dr. Willis G.,	12	
Guebelle, C. A.,	2	
Habel, Jean, New York,	I	
Harrison, Carter H., Chicago,	I	
Hartford Theological Seminary,	I	
Hartley House, New York,	I	
Hartt, Mrs. C. F.,	11	
Harvard University,	I	I
Henderson, Hon. David B., Washington,	I	
Hierman, Rev. Francis,	2	
Hill, Frank A., Secretary of Massachusetts State Board of Education,	10	
Hill, Hon. Henry W.,	3	
Hodges, Col. Henry C.,	5	
Hotchkiss, William Horace,	2	
Hubbard, Elbert, East Aurora,	I	
Hurd, Dr. A. W.,	2	
Illinois, Bureau of Labor Statistics,	I	
Illinois State Dental Society,	I	
Indian Rights Association,	3	
Indianapolis Monetary Commission,	I	
Ives, William,	20	
Jewett, F. G., Albany,	I	
Johns Hopkins University,	2	
Johnson, J. B., St. Louis,	I	
Johnson, Mrs. W. H.,	2	
Katzenberger, George A., Greenville, Ohio,	I	
Kelly, E. H.,	I	

	Books.	Pamp.
Kentucky Polytechnic Society,	I	
Kimball, Mrs. L. M.,	I	7
King, Gen. Horatio C., Brooklyn,	2	
Kirtland, Richard L.,	2	
Konvalinka, J. G., Long Island City,	I	
Lake Mohonk Arbitration Conference,	4	
Landers, Caleb M., Ridgeland,	I	
Larned, J. N.,	I	
Le Couteulx St. Mary's Institution for Deaf Mutes,	I	I
Leipziger, Henry M., New York,	I	
Leland Stanford Junior University,	7	
—Hopkins Seaside Laboratory,	I	
Leonard, I. R., Gowanda,	I	
Libbey Glass Company, Toledo,	I	
Lord & Thomas, Chicago,	I	
Luttrell, Robert S.,	4	
McKay, David,		I
McMillan, Hon. James S., Washington,	I	
Marburg, Theodore, Baltimore,	I	
Massachusetts, Bureau of Statistics of Labor,	2	
—State Board of Arbitration and Conciliation,	I	
Massachusetts Institute of Technology,		I
Matthews, George E., & Company,	2	
Meister, Fanny B.,	I	
Michigan, State Board of Corrections and Charities,		I
Michigan, University of,		2
Miller, L. W., Philadelphia,	I	
Minneapolis, Board of Park Commissioners,		I
Missouri Botanical Garden,	I	
Mount Holyoke College,		2
Muir, Henry D., Chicago,	I	
Munro, Mrs. Josiah G.,		I
New York City, Charity Organization Society,		I
New York City, Civil Service Reform Association,		2
New York City, Deutsche Gesellschaft der Stadt,		I
New York City, General Society of Mechanics and Tradesmen,		I
New York City, Reform Club, Committee on Sound Currency,	3	97
New York City, Young Men's Christian Association,		I
New York State, Board of Charities,	2	I

	Books.	Pamp.
—Board of Mediation and Arbitration,	1	
—Board of Railroad Commissioners,	2	
—Buffalo State Hospital,		4
—Bureau of Statistics of Labor,	2	
—Civil Service Commission,	1	
—Commission in Lunacy,	9	2
—Commissioner of Excise,	3	
—Engineer and Surveyor,	1	
—Geologist,	1	
—Historian,		1
—Secretary of State,	52	
—Superintendent of Public Instruction,	3	1
—University,	12	13
—Weather Bureau,	3	
New York State, Charities Aid Association,		1
New York State, Grand Lodge Free and Accepted Masons, .		1
New York Zoological Society,	1	
North, Charles J.,	1	
Northwestern University,		1
Norton, Charles P.,		1
O'Grady, Daniel,	1	
O'Leary, Daniel, Albany,	2	
Olmstead, D. H.,	1	
Ontario, Bureau of Industries,		1
—Department of Agriculture,	8	
—Minister of Education,		1
Orr, Charles, Cleveland,		1
Palmer, Mrs. C. F., New York,		1
Palmer, J. H., Albany,	1	
Parker, Mrs. E. L.,		4
Paul, Peter, Book Company,		17
Peabody Institute, Baltimore,		1
Pease, Frank P.,	1	
Pennsylvania, University of,		3
Perkins Institution and Massachusetts School for the Blind,		1
Phi Beta Kappa, Hobart College Chapter,		1
Philadelphia Art Club,		1
Philadelphia, Jewish Foster Home and Orphan Asylum, . .		1
Philadelphia, Municipal League of,		1
Philadelphia Times,		1
Pohlman, Dr. Julius,		1

	Books. Pamp.	
Porter, Hon. Peter A.,		1
Pratt Institute, Brooklyn,		1
Princeton University,		1
Quincy (Mass.) Mansion School,		2
Ramsdell, William M.,		3
Redderoth, Prof. A. C.,	1	1
Rice, Mrs. F. M.,	14	
Richards, Charles R., New York,		1
Richards, Lysander S., Marshfield Hills, Mass.,	2	
Richardson, A. C.,	2	2
Rider, Sidney S., Providence,		1
Roberts, James A.,	1	
Robson, Le Grand,		1
Rochester, The Misses,	29	8
Rohr, Mathias,	1	
Sadler, Ralph, Coldharbor, near Dorking, England,	2	1
San Francisco, Mechanic's Institute,		1
Scarth, W. B., Ottawa,	1	
Schermerhorn, Alvah,	1	
Schild, William,	1	
Schlegel, Matilda, East Aurora,		1
Schurman, Dr. J. G., Ithaca,		2
Scoville Institute, Oak Park, Ill.,	1	1
Scranton University,		1
Shepard, Frederick J.,		2
Shepard, Mrs. Frederick J.,		10
Shields, Effie H.,		15
Smith, Hon. T. Guilford,	1	26
Smithsonian Institution,	3	8
Smithsonian Institution, Bureau of American Ethnology,	1	
Smithsonian Institution, National Museum,	4	1
Smock, John C., State Geologist, N. J.,	1	
Spendelow, H. C.,		2
Spivak, C. D., Denver, Col.,		1
Stechert, Gustav E., New York,	2	1
Stockton, Lewis,	1	
Sturtevant Company, Boston,	1	
Tennessee, University of,		1
Thiry, J. H., Long Island City,		3
Thornbury, Dr. Frank J.,		6
Thwaites, Reuben Gold, Madison, Wis.,		1

	Books.	Pamp.
Tonge, Thomas, Denver, Col.,		1
Trudnowski, Joseph,	1	
Tulane University of Louisiana, New Orleans,		2
Turrill, Sherman M., Ithaca,	1	
Ullman, Mrs. Frederick,	1	
United States, Board of Indian Commission,	1	
—Bureau of Education,	2	2
—Bureau of Statistics,	1	3
—Civil Service Commission,	8	
—Coast and Geodetic Survey,	1	
—Commission of Fish and Fisheries,	2	1
—Comptroller of the Currency,	5	
—Department of Agriculture,	1	159
—Department of Labor,	1	2
—Department of State,		5
—Department of Interior,	5	24
—Geological Survey,		3
—Interstate Commerce Commission,	2	1
—Library of Congress,		3
—Naval War Records Office,		1
—Navy Department,	1	
—Patent Office,		2
—Superintendent of Public Documents,	95	145
—Treasury Department,	1	
—War Department,	11	
—War Records Office,	2	
—Weather Bureau,		4
Venezuela, Estados Unidos de, Legacion,		1
Volta Bureau, Washington,		1
Wadlin, Horace G., Boston,	5	6
Wisconsin Free Library Commission,		2
Wisconsin State Historical Society,	1	2
Woman's Investigating Club,		5
Women's Christian Association,		4
Women's Educational and Industrial Union,		1
Yale University,		3
Young, William Edward,		1
Young, John Russell, Washington,		1
Young Men's Christian Association, International Committee,		1
Youth's Companion,		1
Zurcher, Rev. George,		1

GIFTS FROM LIBRARIES.

	Books.	Pamp.
Aberdeen Public Library,	I	
Aguilar Free Public Library Society,	I	
Boston Public Library. Bulletins.	2	
Brookline Public Library. Bulletins.	I	
Brooklyn Library,	I	
Cambridge (Mass.) Public Library,.	I	
Carnegie Library, Pittsburgh. Monthly Bulletins.. . . .	5	
Cedar Rapids Free Public Library,.	I	
Chicago Public Library,	I	
Cincinnati Hospital Library,	I	
Cincinnati Public Library. Bulletins.	I	
Clerkenwell (London) Public Library. Quarterly Guide for Readers.	I	
Columbus (Ohio) Public School Library,	I	
Concord (Mass.) Free Public Library,	I	
Cornell University Library,	I	I
Dayton Public Library,.	2	
Detroit Public Library,.	I	
Eau Claire (Wisconsin) Public Library,	I	
Enoch Pratt Free Library, Baltimore,.	3	
Evanston (Illinois) Free Public Library,.	I	
Everett (Mass.) Public Library,	I	
Fall River (Mass.) Public Library,	2	
Forbes Memorial Library, Northampton,	I	
Gloversville Free Library,.	I	
Grand Rapids (Mich.) Public Library,	I	
Grosvenor Public Library. Additions.		
Hamilton (Ont.) Public Library,.	I	
Harlem Library, New York,.	I	
Hartford Public Library. Bulletins.	I	
Hartford Theological Seminary Library,.	I	
Harvard University Library,	I	
Helena (Montana) Public Library. Bulletins.		
Hoboken (New Jersey) Free Public Library,.	I	
Howard Memorial Library. Map		
Iowa Masonic Library. Bulletins		
James Blackstone Memorial Library, Bradford, Conn.,. . .	I	
Jersey City Free Public Library. Bulletins	I	
John Crerar Library, Chicago,.	4	
Kansas City Public Library,.	I	

Lawrence (Mass.) Free Public Library. Bulletins.	1	
Leeds (England) Free Public Libraries,.	1	
Lowell (Mass.) City Library. Bulletins.		
Maimonides Free Library, New York. Bulletins.	1	
Milwaukee Public Library. Quarterly Index,	5	
Minneapolis Public Library. Bulletins	1	2
Montclair Free Public Library,.	1	
New Bedford Free Public Library,	1	
New Haven Free Public Library. Bulletins	3	
New York Free Circulating Library,.	2	
New York Mercantile Library. Bulletins	1	
New York Public Library. Bulletins		
New York State Library,	3	
New York General Society of Mechanics and Tradesmen, Free Library of,.	1	
Newark Free Public Library. Bulletins	6	
Newberry Library, Chicago,	2	
Newton (Mass.) Free Library,	1	
Omaha Public Library,.	1	
Osterhout Free Library, Wilkes-Barré News-Letter,		
Park College Library, Parkville, Missouri. Bulletins . . .	1	
Paterson (N. J.) Free Public Library,.	1	
Peoria (Illinois) Public Library,	1	
Philadelphia Apprentices' Library. Bulletins	1	
Philadelphia, Library Company of,.	1	
Philadelphia Mercantile Company. Bulletins	2	
Philadelphia Free Library,	2	
Portsmouth (England) Free Public Libraries,.	1	
Pratt Institute Free Library,.	1	
Providence Athenaeum,.	1	
Providence Public Library. Bulletins.	1	
Reynolds Library, Rochester,	1	
St. Joseph Free Public Library,	8	
St. Louis Mercantile Library Association,	2	
St. Louis Public Library,	1	
St. Paul Public Library,.	1	
Salem (Mass.) Public Library. Bulletins	2	
San Francisco Free Public Library. Bulletins	2	
San Francisco Mechanics Institute. Bulletins		
Schenectady Free Public Library Association,	1	
Scranton Public Library. Bulletins.		

	Books.	Pamp.
Springfield (Mass.) City Library Association. Bulletins. .		2
Syracuse Central Library,.		1
Toronto Public Library,.		3
Tokio (Japan) Public Library,.		1
University of California Library,		1
Warren County Library, Monmouth, Ill. Bulletins. . . .		
Wilmington (Delaware) Institute Free Library,.		1
Worcester Free Public Library. Additions		1

Other Gifts.

- Adam, J. N. Marble Bust of Dante.
- Bixby, A. C. 11 numbers magazines.
- Buffalo Central High School. Lists of pupils 1897-98, second term.
- Buffalo Choral Union. 450 volumes and 785 copies of sheet music.
- Buffalo Commercial. Extra file for binding.
- Buffalo Courier. Extra file for binding.
- Buffalo Demokrat. Extra file for binding.
- Buffalo Enquirer. Extra file for binding.
- Buffalo Evening News. Extra file for binding.
- Buffalo Evening Times. Extra file for binding.
- Buffalo Express. Extra file for binding.
- Buffalo Freie Presse. Extra file for binding.
- Buffalo Volksfreund. Extra file for binding.
- Cothran, George W. 48 manuscripts.
- Erie County Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.
Manuscript.
- Ives, William. 35 numbers magazines.
- Martin, Mrs. Truman J., for a committee of subscribers. Picture of
Little Nell and her grandfather, from the original Old Curiosity
Shop.
- New York State, Agricultural Experiment Station, Geneva. Bulletins.
- New York State University. Bulletins.
- Richardson, A. C. 5 numbers magazines.
- Robson, Le Grand. 20 numbers magazines.
- Smith, Mrs. Howard M. 521 numbers magazines.
- Stillman, Horace. 12 numbers magazines.
- United States—Coast and Geodetic Survey, 308 charts; Department
of Labor, Bulletins; Geological Survey, Geologic Atlas of the
United States, in parts; Superintendent of Documents, monthly
catalogue.
- Wallace, Mrs. G. A. 15 numbers magazines.
- Women's Educational and Industrial Union. 78 numbers magazines.

LIBRARY DEPARTMENTS AND HOURS.

READING, REFERENCE AND PERIODICAL ROOMS.

Week days, 9 A. M. to 9 P. M.
Sundays and holidays, 11 A. M. to 9 P. M.

CIRCULATING DEPARTMENT.

Every day except Sundays and holidays, 9 A. M. to 9 P. M.

NEWSPAPER ROOM.

Week days, 8.30 A. M. to 9 P. M.
Sundays and holidays, 8.30 A. M. to 7 P. M.

CHILDREN'S ROOM.

Monday to Friday, from May 1 to Oct. 1, 2.30 to 7 P. M.
" " " " Oct. 1 to May 1, 2.30 to 6 P. M.
Saturdays, " May 1 to Oct. 1, 9 A. M. to 7 P. M.
" " Oct. 1 to May 1, 9 A. M. to 6 P. M.
Sundays, 2 to 6 P. M.
Holidays, 9 A. M. to 6 P. M.

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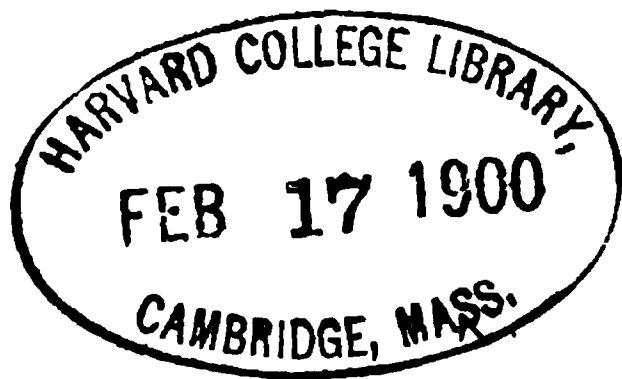
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BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

1899.

REPRESENTATIVES OF THE BUFFALO LIBRARY.

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CHARLES W. GOODYEAR,	“ “ 1902.
GEORGE L. WILLIAMS,	“ “ 1903.
THOMAS T. RAMSDELL,	“ “ 1904.

REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CITY OF BUFFALO.

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<i>The Corporation Counsel,</i>	WILLIAM H. CUDDEBACK.
<i>The Superintendent of Education,</i>	HENRY P. EMERSON.

APPOINTED BY THE MAYOR.

MATHIAS ROHR,	term expires 1900.
JOHN D. BOGARDUS,	“ “ 1902.

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MATHIAS ROHR.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

TO THE HONORABLE THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BUFFALO :

Gentlemen,— On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Buffalo Public Library, I have the honor to transmit, in accordance with the contract and the law governing the institution, its third annual report, covering the year 1899.

The report embodies the report to the Board of Directors of Mr. William P. Reed, Treasurer of the Buffalo Public Library, which gives a detailed statement of all receipts from whatever source, and of all expenditures, from January 1st to December 31st of the year 1899.

In the report of the Treasurer appears an item, "Cash on hand, \$4,905.29." It is right to explain that this cash balance is apparent rather than real, as \$4,800.00 of the amount is already contracted for as the price of an elevator for the Library Building, which was to have been completed before the end of the year.

The Board of Directors submits this statement of its financial affairs with what it believes to be a just pride, confident that your Honorable Body will approve of its stewardship of the funds committed by you to its care.

Appended to the report of the Treasurer is the certificate of Mr. William D. Ingersoll, that the Treasurer's books and vouchers for this period have been examined by him and found correct.

The report of the Directors also embodies the report to themselves of Mr. H. L. Elmendorf, Superintendent of the Library, detailing the work of the Library by departments, and summarizing results in clear and intelligible tabular form.

The Board of Directors wishes to emphasize some especial points in the condition of the library as shown by the Superintendent's Report.

The growth of the Library at all points has been such that every department is crowded, every department feels keenly the need for

more room for the comfort of visitors and the proper development of its best usefulness.

Fortunately, however, this most necessary relief is not far off, through the wise and generous gift of Mr. John J. Albright to the Buffalo Fine Arts Academy. The removal of this society from the Library Building will place its rooms at the disposal of the Library, and thus the gift is almost as much a matter for gratitude on the part of the Library as from the direct beneficiaries themselves.

The need for branches of the Library in various parts of the city is also strongly stated in the Superintendent's Report. Notwithstanding the extension of the Library's contact with the people, by means of delivery stations, class-room libraries in the public schools and traveling libraries, the congestion at the Library is very great. *In no single city in the country is so great a circulation carried on from a central building.* The Board of Directors is proud of the record, but it recognizes the fact that this congestion, as it increases, may prove a menace to the quality of the Library's work.

The Library is an educational force second only to the public schools, if, indeed, it is second even to them, and should be easily accessible to all. This can only be accomplished by a number of conveniently-placed, well-stocked, small libraries in different remote parts of the city.

There is provision for Black Rock, promised through the act relative to the sale of the property of the old Jubilee Water Works. The Board of Directors respectfully, but earnestly, urges the necessity for some immediate action in regard to this property.

For all detail of the working of the Library the Board of Directors has adopted the reports of the Treasurer and the Superintendent as its own report to your Honorable Body. The Board recommends these reports to your careful reading, sure that you will find in them a most interesting record of the year's work of one of our beautiful city's most valuable institutions.

The Board of Directors has had reason to thank your Honorable Body for a wise liberality in the past, and, with this formal record of its year's work, and the less formal but even stronger record found in the interest and affection of the entire people, to strengthen its request, believes that you will continue that liberality. Your Honorable Body will see, even as the Board of Directors sees, that the possibilities for the increase of the work of our great Library depend wholly on the resources at its command.

The Board of Directors, therefore, asks as an appropriation for the coming year the same proportion of the legal rate as that given last year, *i. e.*, four-fifths of four one-hundredths of one per cent. of the whole taxable property of the City of Buffalo.

For the Board of Directors,

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE L. WILLIAMS,

President.

Buffalo, January 26, 1900.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Statement of the Treasurer of the Buffalo Public Library from January 1, 1899, to January 1, 1900.

RECEIPTS.

Balance, January 1, 1899,	\$621.60
City of Buffalo,	78,785.59
Interest from Buffalo Library permanent fund,	3,276.21
Fines, etc.,	3,209.06
State of New York,	200.00
School fund,	329.80
	<u>\$86,422.26</u>

EXPENDITURES.

Books,	\$20,634.89
Periodicals,	1,364.48
Binding, :	6,486.38
Printing,	1,284.42
Library supplies,	1,374.06
Fuel,	1,681.60
Light,	2,655.84
Insurance,	170.00
Building account,	4,075.91
Miscellaneous,	2,254.74
Salaries — Library employees,	33,303.51
“ Building “	5,296.82
Delivery stations,	934.32
Balance, January 1, 1900,	4,905.29
	<u>\$86,422.26</u>

WM. P. REED, *Treasurer.*

BUFFALO, N. Y., Jan. 23, 1900.

I have examined the books and vouchers of Mr. William P. Reed, the Treasurer of the Buffalo Public Library, and find the same to be correct. The examination covers the period from January 1, 1899, to January 1, 1900.

WILLIAM D. INGERSOLL,
Accountant and Auditor.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE BUFFALO PUBLIC LIBRARY :

Gentlemen,—I have the honor to present herewith the third annual report of the Superintendent of the Buffalo Public Library, covering the year 1899, the sixty-fourth since the founding of the Buffalo Library.

A comparison of the statistics with those of the previous year shows a healthy growth in the use, and, consequently, the usefulness, of the library.

On January 11th, at a meeting of the heads of departments, each assistant-in-charge presented a report, to be filed with the Superintendent, to form a part of the permanent records of the library. These reports form the basis of the present report to the Board, for the year.

To make comparison easy, the arrangement closely follows that of last year.

REGISTRATION.

Number of registered borrowers January 1, 1899, . . . 49,819

Registered during 1899 :

Borrowers under 14 years of age, 2,814

Borrowers over 14 years of age, 8,191

Cards issued 1899, 11,005

60,824

Cancelled cards :

Borrowers under 14 years, 1,115

Borrowers over 14 years, 2,452

Total cancellation, 1899, 3,567

Cards in force January 1, 1900, 57,257

CONTENTS OF LIBRARY.

The last report showed a total of bound volumes in the permanent collection of the library January 1, 1899,	122,190
Added by purchase,	20,726
Added by gift,	1,422
Added by binding,	623
Added by exchange,	9
Recovered, formerly reported as lost,	28
Total additions,	22,808
Deductions — Charged but not returned,	49
Lost in 1898–99,	99
Lost and paid for,	65
Reported lost, but not yet paid for,	31
Worn out and withdrawn,	1,361
Total withdrawals,	1,587
Net additions,	21,221
Total permanent collection,	143,411
Directories temporarily placed,	75
Duplicate collection, not catalogued, and not in use,	1,486
Children's picture books,	1,942
Total bound volumes January 1, 1900,	146,896
Maps and plans,	545
Coast survey charts,	474
Sheet music,	7,906

Full particulars of the classification of the library and of the net additions by classes appear in tabular form in Appendix A.

The inventory begun in 1898 was completed in 1899. The result shows books unaccounted for as follows :

Missing from stack room,	229
Missing from open shelves,	616
Missing from children's department,	190
Missing from reference room,	10
	1,045

These are carried on a missing list, and will not be deducted until next year. The number will be considerably reduced, as many will yet be accounted for. The greater part of those missing have

undoubtedly been stolen from the library shelves during the two years and four months since the library was opened. During that time we have circulated 1,917,000 volumes, making the loss from theft about 1 in 1,900. Not one important or valuable book has been lost. The average value of the missing books is about eighty cents per volume, which makes the money value of the books lost about \$800 for a period of two years and a third. Most of these were lost in the early months of the opening of the library before the entrances to the children's room and to the open-shelf room were guarded by turnstiles.

CIRCULATION.

Total circulation for home use during the year,	887,686
Largest number in one day,	4,746
Smallest number in one day,	1,354
Days open,	305
Daily average,	2,910
Percentage of fiction, including children's stories, . . . . .	.671

A detailed statement of circulation, by classes and by departments, appears in Appendix B.

The total circulation shows an increase over the preceding year of 119,658, or 15½ per cent. This is attributable to the increase of our outside agencies, such as schools, stations and traveling libraries. The number of books drawn from our main library for home use was 683,740, a decrease of 9,957, though still larger by many thousands than from the main building of any other library from which I have statistics. The decrease in the circulation of the main library occurred entirely during the first four months of the year, those months showing a total of 35,000 less than the corresponding months of the year before. During the last eight months there has been a persistent gain, amounting during the entire period to 25,000. The fact is simply noted, there being no known cause to assign.

The circulation from all our outside agencies together was 203,946, an increase of 129,615. This change is accounted for by the increase in the number of schools and traveling libraries, which has somewhat relieved the main library.

The fiction per cent., .671, is an increase of .012 per cent. over the former year, but is still below the general average of libraries the country over.

OPEN-SHELF DEPARTMENT.

The total number of books in this department at the close of the year 1899 was :

Volumes permanently in the department,	15,687
New books temporarily displayed,	1,067
Bound and current magazines,	431
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	17,185

This is an increase of 1,472 over the previous year. The circulation for home use was 279,054, a decrease of 16,974, but still in excess of other departments of the library, in proportion to the number of volumes represented. This decrease is attributable to the increased number of popular books to be had at the delivery counter and to the crowded condition of the open-shelf room. This room serves also as the main reading room, and is not large enough for both purposes. The average turn-over, or circulation, for each book in the collection was sixteen times.

The display of collections of books on topics of current interest, with reading lists, maps and bulletin notes, has been a feature of this department. Ten such collections have been exhibited. They have proved very attractive, and the books have been eagerly drawn — sometimes too eagerly for our stock of books ; for example, a collection of about thirty-five books, with reading list and maps, on the subject of “England and the Transvaal,” was placed on the special topic shelves one afternoon, and the next morning the map and reading list alone were left to represent the exhibit. Reference books, which do not circulate, were all we had left, in the entire library, on the subject.

The whole work of this department is done by a force of three assistants and a boy to put up books, and even taking into account losses from theft, which do, and will, occur, it costs less than half as much to circulate a book from this than from any other department of the library.

The classification of books in this department is detailed in Appendix C.

CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT.

The circulation from this department was 114,884, a decrease from the year before of 14,703. This decrease is probably wholly attributable to the increase in the school work, the children drawing

their books from the schools instead of from the children's room of the library.

The children's rooms have been made more attractive by new bookcases and pictures, growing plants and cut flowers. An interesting exhibit was shown in May, of the original drawings used to illustrate a series of articles on the Spanish-American war, published in the "Century." This was accompanied by an exhibit loaned by The Matthews-Northrup Co., showing the whole process of half-tone reproduction from the artist's sketch to the finished picture.

The mounting of pictures from magazines and other sources, has been continued, as has also the display of bulletins of pictures and reading lists. These have, in general, followed the seasons and the anniversaries of the year, or special work that has been done by the children in school.

A Sunday story hour, during which the assistant-in-charge read or told stories to the children, was started in October. This proved so interesting to the children, that, in November, the experiment was extended to include also a Saturday morning reading in an adjoining room. The object was to awaken interest in the best books in the children's collection. The demand for the books read from has noticeably increased.

The head of the department reports a marked improvement in the morals and manners of the children.

The net additions to the department were 531 volumes, making a total of 8,561. A table of the classification of the books is given in Appendix D.

REFERENCE DEPARTMENT.

The number of volumes in this department is 1,899, a net decrease of 167, which was caused by the retiring of books not often used. There were brought from the stacks for reference use 36,695 volumes, an increase of 884 for the year. These are not included in the circulation of the library. These figures are no gauge of the reference work of the library, as they do not include the use of the books regularly on the shelves of the reference room, nor of the collections on special topics, placed there temporarily for the use of students. This department has been much hampered for lack of room. There is not sufficient desk room, nor place to put enough chairs, to accommodate the crowds on busy afternoons during the fall and winter months.

PERIODICAL DEPARTMENT.

Additions to our periodical publications bring the total number, including gifts, up to 285. The number of visitors has nearly doubled since the last report. In explanation of this, I quote from the report of the head of the department: "At no period since the making of books have so many stirring events crowded so closely upon each other. The illustrated magazines and weeklies have teemed with exhaustive articles bearing upon these absorbing topics as they have arisen. As a consequence, our reading room has felt the pressure. In this connection, our bulletins, card catalogues, scrap books, pictures and collection of portraits of contemporary celebrities, have all been called into requisition to supply the demand for information. At times, we have not been able to furnish a sufficient number of chairs for the accommodation of our readers, and we have thought seriously of placing outside the door of our room that favorite theatrical legend, 'Standing room only.' "

A display of books suitable for Christmas gifts was exhibited in the Directors' room, adjoining the periodical department, which attracted hundreds of visitors. The many expressions of satisfaction from visitors indicate the popularity of the exhibit, which it is proposed to continue annually.

A small number of reference books, such as a dictionary, an encyclopedia, an atlas, a biographical dictionary and a gazetteer, have been placed in the room, and are much used. It is interesting to note that it was necessary, from repeated calls for it, to add a Bible to the collection.

Lists of the periodicals on file in the different departments, and of those of which extra copies are taken for circulation, are given in Appendix E.

NEWSPAPER DEPARTMENT.

The newspaper list remains practically the same as last year, forty-seven dailies and twenty-six weekly and monthly papers. The average daily attendance has increased from 220 in 1898 to 346 last year. The bound volumes of newspapers have been moved from the main library to a fire-proof room in the newspaper building, adding greatly to their availability and making room for much-needed book stacks in the main library. Each of the Buffalo papers continues its gift of one extra copy for our bound files. The room has been quiet, orderly

and neat at all times, and no complaints have reached the management. The papers and periodicals in the department are listed in Appendix F.

CATALOGUE DEPARTMENT.

During the year 22,780 books and 1,437 pamphlets have been classified, catalogued and added to the library. Until January 1, 1899, the dictionary catalogue was confined to the books newly added to the library. On that date it began the long career of expansion which will ultimately include the entire library. The two main classes of Natural Sciences and Fine Arts, and a few much wanted minor classes, have been catalogued. This is not quite the record hoped for, but it means the addition of over 36,000 cards to the catalogue, and a great increase in the availability of two large classes, through the analytical work done.

The inventory, previously mentioned, was taken by the catalogue force, with some aid from desk assistants.

Eleven lists of additions have been prepared for publication, and typewritten lists of all additions have been posted on the bulletin board, each week.

The card catalogue of Polish books has been enlarged to include subject and title entries. There is an urgent demand for a printed catalogue of Polish books, which we hope to publish this year.

The catalogue force now numbers five on full time and four on part time. The cataloguers also assist in the reference work.

BINDING.

Total number of volumes bound,	13,503
Magazines bound in boards,	1,056
Magazines and record books bound in manilla,	1,627
Total cost of binding,	\$6,486.38

The accumulation of books at the bindery, noted in the last report, has been bound and returned, and the work is now being done promptly and well.

PUBLICATIONS.

A descriptive catalogue of the Gluck collection of manuscripts and autographs was published in July. The preparation and publication of this catalogue was one of the conditions of Mr. Gluck's gift of the collection to the library. The cataloguing was well done,

and the book, making 150 octavo pages, very tastefully printed. It contains a very full index and adds much to the value of the collection. The volume was well received by the public and favorably reviewed by leading literary papers.

In November a graded list of books for class-room libraries in public schools was published, including a list of books suggested for school reference libraries. The demand for this from teachers and other libraries has been so great that the edition is nearly exhausted. It has thus far, however, failed to bring out the specific criticism which was expected and solicited, and which would help to make another list better.

Eleven lists of additions to the library have been printed for free distribution.

A list of the two hundred books included in the Christmas display, giving author, title, publisher and price, was printed, and added greatly to the value of the exhibition.

STAFF.

A list of the staff is given in Appendix G. There have been many changes, but the total remains about the same as last year: sixty-seven library employees and twelve building employees, which includes the engineer's and janitor's force. The following quotation, from the report of the Superintendent of Circulation, I cordially endorse. Mrs. Fulton says: "I wish heartily to commend the spirit of loyalty and honest work that exists among the members of the staff. Their cheerful persistence in their duties, their courtesy and patience towards the public, all deserve the highest appreciation and praise. To be sure, our work is far from perfect; even when we try to be most careful, unfortunate mistakes will occur. I am sure all are determined to make the coming year better and more successful than the one that is past; 'thankful,' as a little girl said the other day, 'for the days to come, in which we can do better.'"

SCHOOLS.

The system of class-room libraries in public schools, started in 1898, proved so successful, that the Board authorized the increase of the number of schools, from the first ten selected, to twenty-two. The original plan was continued, of having all the books accumulated in the school libraries sent to the Public Library, where they were

sorted and those suitable used for the new class-room libraries. The remainder were registered, wrapped in packages, marked with the number of the school from which they came, and are stored in the Public Library. Many more applications were received from principals to have their schools included than we could fill. The twelve additional schools authorized were selected, from those applying, by Mr. Emerson, the Superintendent of Public Instruction. In June, the books were collected from these new schools. About 5,000 books were received and 1,100 were found suitable for return.

From January to June, when we supplied ten schools only, the total number of books in use was 8,091, and the total circulation 37,022. From September to December, when we had twenty-two schools under our care, we supplied 16,932 books, and the circulation was 97,406. The entire circulation of the year was, in grammar schools, 134,428, and in high schools, 18,784, a total of 153,212, and an increase of 111,551 over the previous year.

These libraries are supplied to 358 different class-rooms, and average forty-three books to each. Each teacher is supplied with the list of books for class-room libraries, and invited to make selection of any special books wanted. The list has the approval of the State Superintendent of Education, Mr. Skinner, and of Superintendent Emerson of the City Department of Education.

The apportionment for the ten schools we supplied during the last school year of money for school libraries, given by the State, amounted to \$329.80. This has been spent entirely for reference books for the schools. It has been spent by the library, for books selected by the principals, with the advice and approval of the library.

The hearty co-operation of principals and teachers has made the plan possible and successful. I believe this school work to be as important as any the library does. I recommend that the work be extended to the other schools of the city as fast as the resources of the library will permit.

Beside the circulation of books, we have circulated more than 5,000 pictures in the schools. These are cut from magazines, weekly papers and other sources, mounted on manilla board, and sent to the teachers in pasteboard boxes, about fifty pictures in a box. Most of the pictures serve to illustrate the study course — history, geography, literature, etc.—but many are included solely for their educative power as things of beauty. The pictures are in general demand, and

the teachers report them very useful. We have now about 10,000 such pictures, and the supply is not sufficient for the demand.

The circulation through the high schools is conducted on the same plan as heretofore. A library assistant calls at each high school in the morning to receive books and requests for books, and returns to deliver the books at the close of school.

Appendix H gives a list of the grammar schools we supply with libraries, the number of books in each, and the circulation.

TRAVELING LIBRARIES.

The increase in the actual business of this department has been threefold. From forty libraries, with 1,509 books, it has grown to 127 libraries, with 4,079 books, and the circulation from 3,752 in 1898 to 8,643 in 1899. The libraries have gone to twelve literary clubs, twenty-three teachers of public, private and parochial schools, two missions, six church societies, one factory, one art gallery, twenty-eight fire houses, seven police stations and five hospitals.

Supplying the fire houses and police stations has been one of the most satisfactory features of the work. Six different lists of books, averaging thirty volumes each, of such literature as it was thought the men would like, were selected, and these go from station to station, the change being made every two months, so that in the course of a year each station has the whole 180 books. The Chief of the Fire Department and the Chief of Police have written the library, each expressing his satisfaction and telling of the interest of the men. Chief McConnell says: "It is not too much to hope that the result will be to raise the moral and intellectual tone of the entire department."

The libraries that go to hospitals are for nurses, not patients. They are very much used and highly appreciated.

A list of the libraries, with number of books and subjects, is given in Appendix J.

DELIVERY STATIONS.

We have seven delivery stations, the same number as last year. The delivery through the stations has increased from 28,918 in 1898 to 38,453 in 1899, an increase of 9,535 volumes. More complications and misunderstandings occur through the stations than in all the rest of our departments put together. It also costs more to circulate

books through stations than in any other way. They seem to be necessary, however, until branches can be established, as they accommodate many people who cannot come to the main library.

A list of stations is given in Appendix K.

LIBRARY RECEIPTS.

Fines,	\$2,693.64
Catalogues sold,	133.10
Non-resident cards,	29.05
Reserve postals,	220.32
Miscellaneous,	132.95
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	\$3,209.06

GIFTS.

Acknowledgment of books and pamphlets given the library during the year is made in Appendix L.

A notable gift was from the Buffalo Liedertafel, comprising 148 volumes and 7,061 sheets of music. This is mostly choral music, and is a valuable addition to our already large collection. It has all been catalogued, and may be drawn from the library either by societies or individuals wanting it.

GENERAL.

The great need of the library is branches. In other large cities a great proportion of the circulation is done through small libraries, located at convenient places in different parts of the city. If we had such collections of books, with commodious, well-stocked reading rooms — say, one in Black Rock, one in Cold Spring and two or three on the east side, each in charge of regular library assistants — we could, I think, double our usefulness. I do not think it is necessary to wait until we are able, from extra appropriations or the gifts of generous citizens, to erect convenient and elegant branch library buildings. We might begin in rented quarters, if necessary, and in a small way. I have no doubt that if the proper location is found and the work started, the buildings will follow, as a matter of course.

We have started one such branch in connection with the social settlement at Westminster House, and are about establishing another at Welcome Hall.

The Westminster House branch grew out of a very successful traveling library, which was under the care of our Assistant Superin-

tendent, Mr. Walter L. Brown. During all the winter of 1898-99 Mr. Brown gave each Monday evening to the work. In September, 1899, the Westminster House people offered the library a room free of rent, and the Board authorized the opening of the first branch of the Buffalo Public Library. Its first stock of books was only 250, which has since been increased to about 500. The branch is only open Monday and Thursday afternoons and evenings. The circulation has been for the three months 3,639.

An act of the State Legislature provides that the proceeds of the sale of the property of the Jubilee Water Works, after satisfying claims against the company, shall be devoted to the building, furnishing and stocking of a branch of the Buffalo Public Library, to be located in that district. The property consists of two lots on Delaware Avenue, between Auburn and Lancaster avenues, and one large lot at the corner of Amherst and Grant streets. An ordinance was introduced in the Board of Aldermen last year, ordering the Comptroller to advertise for bids for the property. It was referred to the Committee on Water with the Corporation Counsel, but died in committee. The branch is very much needed. Would it not be advisable to take steps to sell the property?

Many departments of the library are suffering for lack of room. Last year, when the bound newspapers were moved to the newspaper building, the place they formerly occupied was filled with new iron book stacks, with a capacity of about 25,000 volumes. The large additions to the library, however, leave us nearly as crowded as before. The open-shelf department, the reference department, the catalogue room, all need more room very badly. Fortunately, there is a prospect of relief, through the magnificent gift of Mr. J. J. Albright to the Academy of Fine Arts of a building which, when completed, will give the library the rooms now occupied by the Art Gallery and the Society of Artists. The Historical Society has also a prospect of a building in connection with the New York State Building for the Pan-American Exposition. We can use, and really need, the whole of the library building. With the prospect of having more of the building for library purposes in the course of the next two years, I recommend temporary shelving only, and such rearrangement in the meantime as will enable us to get along with the least possible expense.

The much-needed elevator has been contracted for and is now being put into the library building. While it is not included in the expense account of this year, it was included in the estimate, and the

funds to pay for it are now in hand, without trenching on the income of the coming year.

The American Library Association has already been invited to hold its annual conference in Buffalo, in 1901.

Action should be taken to have the library make a proper display at the Pan-American Exposition.

Photographs of the exterior and interior of our building, together with samples of our blanks and appliances, have been contributed to the exhibit of the American libraries at the Paris Exposition of 1900.

I thank the Board for their support and co-operation in producing the results recorded above.

Respectfully submitted,

H. L. ELMENDORF,

Superintendent.

APPENDIX A.
Classified Contents of the Library.

	Net additions Jan. 1, 1899, to Jan. 1, 1900.	Per cent.	Books, Totals, Jan. 1, 1900.	Per cent.	Pamphlets, Totals, Jan. 1, 1900.
General works,	329	.015	9,349	.065	2,009
Philosophy,	201	.009	2,186	.015	280
Religion,	1,000	.047	8,135	.057	574
Sociology,	1,738	.082	14,438	.101	3,980
Philology,	45	.002	765	.005	44
Natural science,	1,368	.064	8,466	.059	497
Useful arts,	588	.028	6,126	.043	1,393
Fine arts,	701	.033	4,826	.034	314
Literature,	3,172	.149	14,673	.102	183
Prose fiction,	8,615	.406	42,238	.294	.....
History,	1,671	.079	14,606	.102	797
Travel,	905	.043	7,732	.054	257
Biography,	797	.038	8,395	.059	549
Special collections :					
Local history and literature,	103	.005	1,362	.009	2,698
Children's reading room, . . . . .	.....	.....	114	.001	.....
Totals,	21,233	.....	143,411	.....	13,575
Withdrawals from children's reading room,	12	.....	.....	.....	.....
Net additions, Jan. 1, 1899, to Jan. 1, 1900,	21,221	.....	.....	.....	.....
Duplicate volumes not catalogued and not in use, . . . . .	.....	.....	1,468	.....	.....
Children's picture books, . . . . .	.....	.....	1,942	.....	.....
Directories, temporarily placed, . . .	.....	.....	75	.....	.....
Grand total books, Jan. 1, 1900, .	.....	.....	146,896	.....	.....

APPENDIX B.

Circulation by Classes.

	Jan.	Feb.	March.	April.	May.	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Totals.	Per Cent.
Magazines,	1,339	1,347	1,650	1,521	1,343	1,222	1,285	1,276	1,054	1,003	1,056	1,041	15,137	.017
Philosophy,	587	609	700	544	515	471	436	444	547	604	579	532	6,568	.007
Religion,	831	896	931	767	655	543	555	604	751	810	777	764	8,884	.010
Sociology,	1,415	1,444	1,600	1,260	1,212	817	754	768	1,344	1,433	1,422	1,180	14,649	.017
Philology,	103	105	126	89	98	92	124	81	109	126	111	87	1,251	.001
Science,	2,035	2,247	2,541	2,246	1,848	1,133	1,111	1,104	3,311	3,532	3,430	2,848	27,386	.031
Useful arts,	1,557	1,765	1,898	1,442	1,226	1,012	897	1,071	1,540	1,741	1,733	1,645	17,527	.020
Fine arts,	1,695	1,578	1,771	1,339	1,148	848	971	980	1,155	1,344	1,349	1,316	15,494	.017
Literature,	5,869	6,085	6,596	5,792	5,248	3,788	3,492	3,551	8,231	9,708	10,057	8,107	76,524	.086
History,	4,883	5,130	5,831	4,585	3,787	2,756	2,457	2,554	5,312	5,807	5,981	5,018	54,101	.061
Travel,	2,740	2,843	3,184	2,446	2,063	1,500	1,471	1,577	2,956	3,198	3,460	3,034	30,492	.034
Biography,	2,162	2,418	2,709	2,209	1,645	1,314	1,188	1,197	2,252	2,690	2,567	2,134	24,485	.028
Fiction,	47,867	48,615	56,707	47,504	42,738	37,541	39,012	40,740	57,308	60,491	61,805	54,860	595,188	.671
Totals,	73,083	75,082	86,244	71,744	63,526	53,037	53,753	55,947	85,870	92,487	94,327	82,586	887,686	1.000
Days open,	25	23	27	25	26	26	25	27	25	26	25	25	305	
Daily average,	2,922	3,264	3,194	2,869	2,443	2,039	2,150	2,072	3,434	3,557	3,773	3,303	2,910	
Largest day,	4,246	4,726	4,389	4,656	3,445	3,089	2,744	2,531	4,399	3,656	4,210	4,382	4,746	
Smallest day,	1,937	1,532	1,702	1,708	1,614	1,378	1,585	1,614	1,643	1,729	1,939	1,354	1,354	

APPENDIX B.

Circulation by Departments.

Desk.	Open Shelves.	Children's Room	Grammar Schools.	Stations.	High Schools.	Traveling Libraries.	Branches.	Totals.	Reference Room.
January,	24,312	26,411	9,555	7,734	2,883	1,499	689	73,083	3,417
February,	24,679	26,052	10,633	7,090	3,216	2,076	1,336	75,082	3,304
March,	28,680	28,318	13,442	8,168	3,730	2,485	1,421	86,244	4,021
April,	23,949	22,590	10,951	6,906	3,408	2,545	1,395	71,744	3,074
May,	20,585	20,482	9,178	6,570	3,091	2,552	1,068	63,526	3,092
June,	20,336	19,570	8,478	636	3,149	713	155	53,037	2,208
July,	21,585	20,195	8,971	.....	2,987	.....	15	53,753	2,211
August,	22,817	20,761	9,054	.....	3,315	.....	.....	55,947	2,510
September,	24,412	23,368	7,747	26,345	2,880	880	.....	85,870	2,956
October,	26,781	23,080	8,232	27,164	3,090	2,255	876	92,487	3,290
November,	26,263	24,509	9,374	26,397	3,162	2,186	1,103	94,327	3,482
December,	25,403	23,708	9,269	17,418	3,542	1,593	584	82,586	3,130
Totals,	289,802	279,054	114,884	134,428	38,453	18,784	8,642	887,686	36,695

APPENDIX B.

Circulation — Comparative Statement.

	1897.	1898.	1899.
January, . . . . .	.....	79,205	73,083
February, . . . . .	.....	78,106	75,082
March, . . . . .	.....	80,591	86,244
April, . . . . .	.....	67,543	71,744
May, . . . . .	.....	53,612	63,526
June, . . . . .	.....	48,156	53,037
July, . . . . .	.....	46,767	53,753
August, . . . . .	.....	52,700	55,947
September,	44,392	52,190	85,870
October,	68,877	70,670	92,487
November,	76,571	71,201	94,327
December,	72,392	67,287	82,586
Total,	262,232	768,028	887,686

APPENDIX C.

Classified Table of Books in Open-Shelf Room.

ENGLISH.	
General works,	7
Philosophy,	167
Religion,	233
Sociology,	738
Philology,	14
Science,	709
Useful arts,	426
Fine arts,	276
Literature,	664
History,	1,067
Travel,	651
Biography,	874
Fiction,	8,984
	14,810

GERMAN.		
Religion,	2	
Literature,	85	
History,	34	
Travel,	22	
Biography,	17	
Fiction,	717	
		877
Bound and current magazines,		431
NEW BOOKS — TEMPORARILY PLACED.		
Class,	507	
Fiction,	560	
		1,067
Total,		17,185

APPENDIX D.

Classified Table of Books in Children's Room.

General,	3	
Philosophy,	24	
Religion,	24	
Folk-lore, fairy tales,	186	
Sociology,	176	
Science,	599	
Useful arts,	216	
Fine arts,	163	
Literature,	878	
History,	924	
Travel,	399	
Biography,	314	
Fiction,	4,272	
		8,178
Pictures and stories,		258
Total,		8,436
Children's reading room,	114	
Reference books,	83	
Pictures and stories,	18	
		215
Total,		8,651

APPENDIX E.

Periodicals.

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| *Academe, <i>w.</i> | American Monthly Review of Reviews, <i>m.</i> |
| Academy, <i>w.</i> | American Naturalist, <i>m.</i> |
| American Academy of Political and Social Science Publications. Numbered series, <i>f.</i> | American Philosophical Society Proceedings, Numbered series. |
| American Antiquarian, <i>bi-m.</i> | American Statistical Association Papers, <i>irregular.</i> |
| American Architect, International ed., <i>w.</i> | Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science, <i>bi-m.</i> |
| American Catholic Review, <i>q.</i> | Antiquary, <i>m.</i> |
| American Chemical Journal, <i>m.</i> | Appleton's Popular Science Monthly, <i>m.</i> |
| American Economic Association Papers, <i>irregular.</i> | *Architectural Record, <i>q.</i> |
| American Historical Review, <i>q.</i> | Architectural Review, <i>m.</i> |
| *American Homes, <i>m.</i> | Architects' and Builders' Magazine, <i>m.</i> |
| American Institute of Electrical Engineers, Transactions, <i>m.</i> | Army and Navy Journal, <i>w.</i> |
| *American Investments, <i>m.</i> | Art Amateur, <i>m.</i> |
| *American Jewess, <i>m.</i> | Art Interchange, <i>m.</i> |
| American Journal of Archæology, <i>irregular.</i> | Art Journal, <i>m.</i> |
| American Journal of Mathematics, <i>q.</i> | Artist, <i>m.</i> |
| American Journal of Morphology, <i>irregular.</i> | Athenæum, <i>w.</i> |
| American Journal of Philology, <i>q.</i> | Atlantic Monthly, <i>m.</i> |
| American Journal of Psychology, <i>q.</i> | Auk, <i>q.</i> |
| American Journal of Science, <i>m.</i> | Babyhood, <i>m.</i> |
| American Journal of Sociology, <i>bi-m.</i> | Bankers' Magazine, <i>m.</i> |
| American Machinist, <i>w.</i> | Biblical World, <i>m.</i> |
| American Microscopical Journal, <i>m.</i> | Birds, <i>m.</i> |
| American Monthly Magazine, <i>m.</i> | Bird-lore, <i>bi-m.</i> |
| | Blackwood's Magazine, <i>m.</i> |
| | Black and White, <i>w.</i> |
| | Book Buyer, <i>m.</i> |
| | Bookman, <i>m.</i> |

* Gift.

- Book News, *m.*
 *Book Notes, *f.*
 *Book Reviews, *m.*
 Bookseller, *m.*
 Brick Builder, *m.*
 Brochure Series, *m.*
 *Buffalo Medical Journal, *m.*
 *Bulletin Continental, *Le, m.*
 *Bulletin of Labor Statistics of
 N. Y., *q.*
 *Bulletin Y. M. C. A., *m.*
 *Bulletin of the League of Ameri-
 can Municipalities, *m.*
 Bulletin of the American Geogra-
 phical Society, five times a year.
 *Calendar, *m.*
 *Calvary S. S. Torch, *m.*
 Canadian Magazine, *m.*
 Cassier's Magazine, *m.*
 Catholic World, *m.*
 Century, *m.*
 Chambers's Journal, *m.*
 Charities Review, *m.*
 Chautauquan, *m.*
 Child Garden, *m.*
 Child Study Monthly, *m.*
 *Christian Science Journal, *m.*
 *Church Home Quarterly, *q.*
 Church Work, *f.*
 Churchman, *w.*
 City and State, *w.*
 Club Woman, *m.*
 Collier's Weekly, *w.*
 *Consular Reports, *m.*
 Contemporary Review, *m.*
 *Cornell University Agricultural
 Reports, *m.*
 Cornhill Magazine, *m.*
 Cosmopolitan, *m.*
 Critic, *m.*
 *Criterion, *w.*
 Cumulative Index, *m.*
 Current Literature, *m.*
 Current History, *q.*
 Deutsche Litteratur Zeitung, *w.*
 Deutsche Rundschau, *m.*
 Dial, *f.*
 *Dixie, *m.*
 Dublin Review, *q.*
 Eclectic Magazine, *m.*
 Economist, *w.*
 Economic Journal, *q.*
 Education, *m.*
 Educational Review, *m.*
 *Educator, *m.*
 Electrical Engineering, *m.*
 Electrical Review, *w.*
 Electrical World, *w.*
 Elliott's Magazine, *m.*
 Engineering, *w.*
 Engineering and Mining Jour-
 nal, *w.*
 Engineering Magazine, *m.*
 Engineering News, *w.*
 Engineering Record, *w.*
 English Historical Review, *q.*
 English Illustrated Magazine, *m.*
 Essex Antiquarian, *m.*
 Étude, *m.*
 Evangel, *m.*
 Evangelist, *w.*
 Forester, *m.*
 Fortnightly Review, *m.*
 Forum, *m.*
 Gartenlaube, *f.*
 Gentleman's Magazine, *m.*
 Geographical Journal, *m.*
 Geological Magazine, *m.*

- Graphic, *w.*
 Greater Buffalo, *m.*
 Harper's Bazar, *w.*
 Harper's Monthly, *m.*
 Harper's Weekly, *w.*
 *Hartford Seminary Record, *q.*
 *Health Department Monthly Report, *m.*
 Idler, *m.*
 Illustrated American, *w.*
 Illustrated London News, *w.*
 Illustration, *w.*
 Illustrirte Zeitung, *w.*
 Independent, *w.*
 Inland Architect, *m.*
 International Journal of Ethics, *q.*
 International Studio, *m.*
 *Johns Hopkins University Circular, *irregular.*
 Johns Hopkins University Studies in Historical and Political Science, Numbered series.
 Journal of American Folk Lore, *q.*
 Journal of Education, *w.*
 Journal of Geology, *m.*
 Journal of Political Economy, *q.*
 Journal of the American Chemical Society, *m.*
 Journal of the Association of Engineering Societies, *m.*
 Journal of Franklin Institute, *m.*
 Journal of the Royal Statistical Society, *q.*
 Journal of the Institution of Electrical Engineers, *irregular.*
 Journal of the Society of Chemical Industry, *m.*
 Journal of the Western Society of Engineers, *bi-m.*
 *Journal of Zoöphily, *m.*
 Judge, *w.*
 Kindergarten Magazine, *m.*
 Knowledge, *m.*
 Ladies' Home Journal, *m.*
 *Le Couteulx Leader, *w.*
 Library, *m.*
 Library Journal, *m.*
 Library World, *m.*
 Life, *w.*
 Lippincott's Magazine, *m.*
 *Literary News, *m.*
 Literary World, *f.*
 Literature, *w.*
 Littell's Living Age, *w.*
 Das Litterarische Echo, *f.*
 Little Men and Women, *m.*
 *Locomotive, *m.*
 Locomotive Engineering, *m.*
 McClure's Magazine, *m.*
 Macmillan's Magazine, *m.*
 Magazine of Art, *m.*
 Marine Review, *w.*
 *Masten Park Chronicle, *q.*
 *Men, *m.*
 *Mercury, *m.*
 Mind, *q.*
 *Mines and Minerals, *m.*
 Missionary Review, *m.*
 Mon Journal, *w.*
 Monist, *q.*
 *Monthly Bulletin of the Bureau of American Republics, *m.*
 Monumental Records, *q.*
 Municipal Affairs, *q.*
 Municipal Engineering, *m.*
 Munsey's Magazine, *m.*
 Music, *m.*
 Nation, *w.*

* Gift.

- National Review, *m*.
 *National Single Taxer, *m*.
 Natural Science, *m*.
 Nature, *w*.
 *New Century, *w*.
 New England Historical and
 Genealogical Register, *q*.
 New England Magazine, *m*.
 New World, *q*.
 New York Genealogical and Bio-
 graphical Record, *q*.
 *New York State Weather Ser-
 vice, *m*.
 *Newspaper Maker, *w*.
 Nineteenth Century, *m*.
 North American Review, *m*.
 Notes and Queries, *w*.
 Observatory, *m*.
 *Odd Fellows' Magazine, *m*.
 *Official Gazette of the U. S.
 Patent Office, *w*.
 Open Court, *m*.
 *Our Fellow Creatures, *m*.
 *Our Record, *m*.
 Outing, *m*.
 Outlook, *w*.
 Outlook (English), *w*.
 Overland, *m*.
 Pall Mall Magazine, *m*.
 Pan-American, *m*.
 *Pan-American Herald, *m*.
 *Paradise of the Pacific, *m*.
 Pathfinder, *w*.
 Pedagogical Seminary, *q*.
 Pennsylvania Magazine of His-
 tory and Biography, *q*.
 Philistine, *m*.
 Philosophical Magazine, *m*.
 Philosophical Review, *bi-m*.
 *Phonetic Journal, *w*.
 Political Science Quarterly, *q*.
 Popular Astronomy, *m*.
 Popular Science, *m*.
 *Postal Record, *m*.
 Power, *m*.
 *Practical Farmer, *w*.
 Printers' Ink, *w*.
 Psychological Review, *bi-m*.
 *The Public, *w*.
 Public Libraries, *m*.
 Public Opinion, *w*.
 Publishers' Weekly, *w*.
 Puck, *w*.
 Punch, *w*.
 Quarterly Journal of Economics, *q*.
 Quarterly Review, *q*.
 Revue des Deux Mondes, *f*.
 Review of Reviews (English ed.),
 m.
 *St. Andrew's Cross, *m*.
 St. Nicholas, *m*.
 Saturday Evening Post, *w*.
 Saturday Review, *w*.
 School Review, *m*.
 Science, *w*.
 Science Abstracts, *m*.
 Scientific American, *w*.
 Scientific American Supplement,
 w.
 Scientific American, Building
 edition, *m*.
 Scottish Geographical Magazine,
 m.
 Scottish Review, *q*.
 Scribner's Magazine, *m*.
 *Search-Light, *m*.
 Society for Psychical Research,
 Proceedings, *irregular*.

- *Sound Currency, *f*.
 *Special Consular Reports. Num-
 bered series.
 Spectator, *w*.
 *Spirit of '76, *m*.
 Strand, *m*.
 *Sunset, *m*.
 *Technology Review, *q*.
 Temple Bar, *m*.
 Trained Nurse, *m*.
 *Triumphs of Faith, *m*.
 Truth, *w*.
 Ueber Land und Meer, *w*.
 *U. S. Labor Department Bul-
 letins, *bi-m*.
 *U. S. Monthly Weather Review,
 m.
 U. S. Postal Guide, *m*.
 *U. S. Statistical Bureau Monthly
 Summary, *m*.
 U. S. Naval Institute, Proceed-
 ings, *q*.
 Vom Fels zum Meer, *f*.
 Westermann's Monatshefte, *m*.
 Westminster Review, *m*.
 Whist, *m*.
 *Women's Home Companion, *m*.
 Yale Review, *q*.
 Youth's Companion, *w*.

SUMMARY.

Monthly,	158
Weekly,	61
Quarterly,	38
Fortnightly,	9
Bi-monthly,	9
Numbered,	3
Irregular,	7
Total,	<u>285</u>

Periodicals for Circulation.

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| 3 American Monthly Review of
Reviews, <i>m</i> . | 17 Harper's New Monthly Maga-
zine, <i>m</i> . |
| 2 Appleton's Popular Science
Monthly, <i>m</i> . | 1 Kindergarten Magazine, <i>m</i> . |
| 1 Arena, <i>m</i> . | 3 Lippincott's Magazine, <i>m</i> . |
| 5 Atlantic Monthly, <i>m</i> . | 3 McClure's Magazine, <i>m</i> . |
| 2 Babyhood, <i>m</i> . | 2 Munsey's Magazine, <i>m</i> . |
| 11 Century, <i>m</i> . | 1 Music, <i>m</i> . |
| 2 Cosmopolitan, <i>m</i> . | 2 New England Magazine, <i>m</i> . |
| 1 Current Literature, <i>m</i> . | 2 North American Review, <i>m</i> . |
| 1 Education, <i>m</i> . | 2 Outing, <i>m</i> . |
| 1 Educational Review, <i>m</i> . | 1 Overland Monthly, <i>m</i> . |
| 3 Forum, <i>m</i> . | 7 Scribner's Magazine, <i>m</i> . |
| | Total, 22 Magazines, 73 Copies. |

* Gift.

Periodicals in Children's Room.

1 Birds, <i>m.</i>	3 Little Men and Women, <i>m.</i>
1 Bird-lore, <i>bi-m.</i>	7 St. Nicholas, <i>m.</i>
2 Child's Garden, <i>m.</i>	3 Youth's Companion, <i>w.</i>
1 Harper's Weekly, <i>w.</i>	Total, 6 Magazines, 18 Copies.

Monroe Street Branch.

1 Harper's Magazine, <i>m.</i>	1 Scientific American Supplement, <i>w.</i>
1 Harper's Weekly, <i>w.</i>	
1 McClure's Magazine, <i>m.</i>	1 Scribner's Magazine, <i>m.</i>
1 Puck, <i>w.</i>	1 Youth's Companion, <i>w.</i>
1 St. Nicholas, <i>m.</i>	

APPENDIX F.

Periodicals in Newspaper Department.

Albany Argus, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i>	*Chicago Democrat, <i>d.</i>
Albany Journal, <i>d.</i>	Chicago Inter-Ocean, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i>
Atlanta Constitution, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i>	Chicago Times-Herald, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i>
Boston Journal, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i>	Chicago Tribune, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i>
Boston Transcript, <i>d.</i>	*Christian Intelligencer, <i>w.</i>
Brooklyn Eagle, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i>	*Christian Register, <i>w.</i>
*Buffalo Arbeiters-Zeitung, <i>s.</i>	*Christian Uplook, <i>w.</i>
Buffalo Commercial, <i>d.</i>	Cincinnati Enquirer, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i>
Buffalo Courier, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i>	*Class Struggle, <i>w.</i>
Buffalo Demokrat, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i>	Cleveland Plain Dealer, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i>
*Buffalo Echo, <i>w.</i>	*Corriere Italiano, <i>w.</i>
Buffalo Enquirer, <i>d.</i>	Denver News, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i>
Buffalo Express, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i>	Detroit Free Press, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i>
Buffalo Freie Presse, <i>d.</i>	*Erie County Independent, <i>w.</i>
Buffalo News, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i>	Forest and Stream, <i>w.</i>
*Buffalo Polak. W. Ameryce, <i>d.</i>	*Galveston Independent, <i>w.</i>
Buffalo Review, <i>d.</i>	Harper's Weekly, <i>w.</i>
Buffalo Times, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i>	Illinois Staats-Zeitung, <i>d.</i>
Buffalo Tribune, <i>w.</i>	Judge, <i>w.</i>
Buffalo Volksfreund, <i>d.</i>	*Lancaster Enterprise, <i>f.</i>
*Bulletin of the American Iron and Steel Association, <i>bi-m.</i>	Life, <i>w.</i>
	London Illustrated News, <i>w.</i>

*Gift.

London Times, <i>w.</i>	*Reforma, <i>w.</i>
Louisville Courier-Journal, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i>	Rochester Post-Express, <i>d.</i>
*Manila Freedom, <i>d.</i>	Rural New Yorker, <i>w.</i>
Milwaukee Sentinel, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i>	*St. Andrew's Cross, <i>w.</i>
*National Odd-Fellow, <i>w.</i>	St. Louis Globe-Democrat, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i>
New Orleans Picayune, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i>	St. Paul Pioneer Press, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i>
New York Evening Post, <i>d.</i>	San Francisco Chronicle, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i>
New York Herald, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i>	*School, <i>w.</i>
New York Staats-Zeitung, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i>	*Sila i Postep, <i>w.</i>
New York Sun, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i>	Springfield Republican, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i>
New York Times, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i>	Syracuse Post-Standard, <i>d.</i>
New York Tribune, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i>	Toronto Globe, <i>d.</i>
*The People, <i>w.</i>	*Vorwärts, <i>w.</i>
Philadelphia Press, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i>	Washington Post, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i>
Pittsburgh Dispatch, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i>	*Der Westen, <i>w.</i>
Puck, <i>w.</i>	*Westfield Republican, <i>w.</i>
Rochester Democrat and Chronicle, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i>	

* Gift.

APPENDIX G.

STAFF:

GENERAL.

Henry L. Elmendorf,	<i>Superintendent.</i>
Walter L. Brown,	<i>Assistant Superintendent.</i>
William Ives,	<i>Librarian.</i>
Mrs. Bertrice S. Fulton,	<i>Sup't Circulating Department.</i>
William P. Reed,	<i>Treasurer.</i>
Ella B. Gartland,	<i>Stenographer.</i>
Robert S. Fletcher,	<i>Order Clerk.</i>

CATALOGUE DEPARTMENT.

Ellen M. Chandler, <i>Chief,</i>	Margaret B. McCabe,
Mary J. Briggs,	Jane E. Provoost,
Ella G. Christey,	Grace D. Rose,
Eleanor G. Hawkins,	Marie X. Sevasco.
Lucia T. Henderson,	

CATALOGUE HELPERS.

Finishing, Marking and Labeling.

Pauline C. D. Dichel,
Elizabeth Eckner, Mattie C. Schottin.

BINDERY, RECORD AND REPAIR.

Harriet E. Provoost, Jennie Dillon.

REFERENCE DEPARTMENT.

Frederick J. Shepard, Charlotte J. Van Peyma.

CIRCULATING DEPARTMENT.

Harriet A. Beach, *Head*, Delivery Counter,
Frances L. Rathbone, *Head*, Open-Shelf Room,
Emily S. Coit, *Head*, Children's Department.

Gertrude E. Allen,	Grace Huffner,
George G. Ballard, Jr.,	Helen M. Johnson,
Alice M. Baritot,	M. Elizabeth Schanzlin,
Verona M. Conrad,	Mary E. Standbridge,
Elinor Cook,	Marinda S. White,
Agnes P. Cruice,	Nellie A. Whitman,
Florence S. Hall,	Alice G. Wightman.

Mrs. Josepha Kudlicka, Polish Assistant.

Owen Augspurger, Evening Assistant.

William F. McGlashan, Evening Assistant.

Harry N. Parsons, Fines and Reserve Books.

CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT.

Lucy L. Cook,	Nettie V. Howard,
Mary E. Corl,	Arthur M. McGinnis, Page.

DELIVERY STATIONS.

James P. Fowler,	Ralph E. Doll,
Charles T. Magner.	

SCHOOLS AND TRAVELING LIBRARIES.

Stella M. Bushnell,	Claude G. Leland.
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REGISTRY DEPARTMENT.

Mary Ellen Blossom,	Florence Maischoss.
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PERIODICAL DEPARTMENT.

Mrs. Stella B. Ransom,

Sara P. Sheldon.

NEWSPAPER DEPARTMENT.

James S. Hucker,

Robert Ramsey.

SHELF DEPARTMENT.

Joseph Domahwski,
Newton M. Haskell,William B. Stupp,
Harry Wilson.

ENGINEER AND JANITOR.

John Krieg,

Two Assistants,

Five Women for Cleaning.

CHECK ROOM.

Charles Fulton.

SPECIAL OFFICER.

Madison E. Grantier.

APPENDIX H.

Class-Room Libraries in Public Schools.

School Number.	Number Libraries.	Books.	Length of Time.	Circulation.
10	9	466	10 months.	3,492
13	9	410	4 "	2,888
14	9	488	10 "	3,290
15	19	834	4 "	6,235
17	21	998	10 "	10,732
20	15	825	10 "	5,790
23	8	340	4 "	1,847
26	19	902	10 "	8,615
33	20	853	4 "	4,090
39	28	1,165	4 "	6,808
43	20	848	4 "	7,247
44	22	891	4 "	7,435
47	15	755	10 "	6,126
49	17	1,001	10 "	9,994
50	12	460	4 "	3,574
51	16	872	10 "	7,052
52	20	1,049	10 "	13,663
53	19	816	4 "	4,812
56	16	744	4 "	5,126
58	22	1,256	10 "	10,357
60	13	543	4 "	2,947
Normal School	9	416	5 "	2,308
Totals, . .	358	16,932		134,428

APPENDIX J.

Traveling Libraries.

1899.		BOOKS.	
Jan.	6.	Miss Robinson, St. Margaret's School,	Religion, 27
"	13.	Clio Study Club,	American History, . . . 17
"	17.	Uzeta Club,	General, 21
"	17.	Miss Molloy, Art Gallery, .	Art, 25
"	17.	Truant School,	General, 31
"	19.	St. Paul's Parish House, .	General, 60
"	24.	Mrs. A. F. Aird,	English History, . . . 64
"	26.	Mrs. W. H. Crosby, . . .	German History, . . . 26
"	26.	Miss Carroll, Normal School,	Roman History, . . . 30
Feb.	3.	Miss Reynolds, M. P. H. S.	Science, 30
"	7.	Father Sloan, Holy Angels Academy,	English Literature, . . 13
"	9.	Miss Chase, Normal School,	General, 103
"	13.	Father Sloan,	American History, . . 16
"	15.	Remington Hall,	General, 67
"	15.	Miss Alport, M. P. H. S.,	English History, . . . 13
"	15.	Miss Nott, School No. 6, .	General, 30
"	15.	Miss Adsit, St. Paul's Guild House,	Historical Fiction, . . 10
"	16.	Miss Chase, Normal School,	General, 17
"	18.	Clio Study Club,	American History, . . 14
"	20.	Miss Nash, H. S. Annex, .	American History, . . 40
"	20.	Dr. Trant, M. P. H. S., .	Psychology, 20
"	24.	Women Teachers' Ass'n, .	Browning, 35
"	28.	Miss Chase, Normal School,	Longfellow, 6
Mar.	1.	Mrs. Stickney, M. P. H. S.,	N. Y. State History, . 17
"	2.	St. Paul's Parish House, .	General, 60
"	2.	Mrs. Ryerson, M. P. H. S.,	St. Patrick, 5
"	4.	Miss Kempke, Sch. No. 10,	American History, . . 13
"	7.	Father Sloan,	Eng. Hist. and Lit., . 11
"	13.	Truant School,	General, 30
"	21.	Mrs. Porter, Westminster House,	General, 40
April	4.	Mrs. Stickney, M. P. H. S.,	American Literature, . 26
"	4.	Mrs. Ryerson, M. P. H. S.,	Tennyson, 21
"	10.	St. Paul's Parish House, .	General, 48

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BOOKS.

April	11.	Mrs. Fullerton, H. S. Annex,	N. Y. State History, .	10
"	19.	Miss Carroll, Normal School,	English History, . .	17
"	19.	Miss Gemmel, M. P. H. S.,	Botany,	7
"	25.	Truant School,	General,	30
May	1.	Miss Nott, School No. 6, .	General,	30
"	2.	Spanish-American Club, .	Spanish Fiction, . .	13
"	4.	Father Sloan,	History and Botany, .	24
"	5.	Miss Kempke, Sch. No. 10,	Civics,	11
"	24.	Miss Adsit, St. Paul's Guild House,	Historical Fiction, .	10
June	21.	Miss Babcock,	General,	26
July	6.	Miss Babcock,	General,	25
"	10.	General Hospital,	General,	50
"	10.	Erie County Hospital, . .	General,	40
"	10.	Women's Hospital,	General,	15
"	11.	Summer School No. 2, . .	General,	45
"	11.	Summer School No. 42, . .	General,	38
"	13.	Summer School No. 44, . .	General,	52
"	17.	Homeopathic Hospital, . .	General,	30
Sept.	5.	Miss Gemmel, M. P. H. S.,	Zoology,	26
"	6.	Buffalo Academy of the Sacred Heart,	General,	54
"	11.	Mrs. Ryerson, M. P. H. S.,	American History, .	15
"	15.	Miss Fox, M. P. H. S., . .	English Literature, .	47
"	18.	Miss Alport, M. P. H. S., .	English History, . .	29
"	18.	Miss Elder, Women's Union,	Ten Great Religions, .	5
"	21.	St. Andrew's Guild,	General,	65
"	21.	Mrs. Stickney, M. P. H. S.,	American Literature, .	25
"	21.	Mrs. Stickney, M. P. H. S.,	N. Y. State History, .	17
"	22.	Remington Hall,	General,	86
"	22.	Miss Chase, Normal School,	English Literature, .	25
"	22.	Miss Chase, Normal School,	Mythology,	23
"	22.	Miss Carroll, Normal School,	American History, .	32
"	22.	Miss Carroll, Normal School,	Greek History, . . .	16
"	23.	Erie County Hospital, . . .	General,	40
"	25.	Mrs. W. H. Crosby,	Holland,	35
"	25.	Mr. Turner, M. P. H. S., . .	Science,	39
"	29.	Truant School,	General,	30

1899.				BOOKS.
Oct.	2.	St. Paul's Parish House, .	General,	50
"	3.	Highland Park Literary Club,	English History, . .	56
"	3.	Woman's Investigating Club,	Italy,	51
"	3.	Mme. de Zielinski, C.H.S.,	French Fiction, . .	70
"	6.	St. Paul's Parish House, .	General,	65
"	9.	Miss Robinson, St. Margaret's School,	English Literature, .	10
"	9.	Uzeta Club,	General,	19
"	18.	Miss Nash, H. S. Annex, .	American History, .	50
"	23.	Father Sloan,	English Literature, .	14
"	23.	Miss Taylor, C. H. S., . .	American History, .	19
"	25.	Miss Nott, School No. 6, .	General,	30
"	28.	Children's Hospital, . .	General,	25
Nov.	1.	Truant School,	General,	20
"	6.	Jewish Circle,	Jewish History and Religion,	20
"	13.	Highland Park Literary Club,	English History, . .	18
"	14.	Miss Small, School No. 50,	English Literature, .	6
"	23.	Miss Carroll, Normal Sch.,	American History, .	30
Dec.	5.	Truant School,	General,	40
"	6.	Larkin Soap Co.,	General,	303
"	14.	Miss E. H. Chase, School No. 10,	Nature Study, . . .	20
"	14.	Mr. Lerch, Westminster House,	Biography,	5
"	22.	Miss Blossom,	Bible Study, . . .	8
"	28.	Academy of the Sacred Heart,	English History and Physics,	14
		Total,		3,011

Fire Houses and Police Stations.

1899.				BOOKS.
April	1.	Engine No. 26,		31
"	1.	" " 15,		31
"	1.	" " 19,		30

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1899.		BOOKS.	
April	1.	Engine No. 11, Hook and Ladder No. 4,	32
"	1.	" " 17,	30
"	1.	Chemical No. 5,	31
"	8.	Engine No. 24, Hook and Ladder No. 7,	30
"	8.	" " 25,	31
"	8.	" " 6,	30
"	8.	" " 14,	30
"	8.	" " 28,	30
"	8.	" " 22,	31
"	18.	" " 18,	31
"	15.	Hook and Ladder No. 5,	30
"	15.	Engine No. 5,	30
"	15.	" " 27,	31
"	15.	" " 21, Hook and Ladder No. 6,	30
"	15.	" " 16,	31
"	15.	Chemical No. 4,	31
"	15.	Engine No. 2,	30
"	15.	Chemical No. 6,	30
"	15.	Engine No. 3, Hook and Ladder No. 3,	32
"	15.	" " 4,	32
"	22.	Hook and Ladder No. 8,	31
"	22.	Engine No. 8,	30
"	22.	" " 20 (Fire Boat),	30
"	22.	" " 23 " "	30
"	22.	Hook and Ladder No. 9,	30
"	21.	Precinct No. 13,	30
"	21.	" " 5,	30
"	21.	" " 6,	30
"	21.	" " 12,	32
"	21.	" " 11,	30
"	21.	" " 9,	30
"	21.	" " 8,	30
		Total,	1,068
		Books sent to other Traveling Libraries,	3,011
		Books sent to Fire Houses and Police Stations,	1,068
		Total,	4,079

APPENDIX K.

Delivery Stations.

- A.— Y. M. C. A. Building, Broadway and Bailey Avenue.
EDWARD KETTLE, *Keeper*.
- B.— Gunn's Pharmacy, No. 807 Seneca Street.
ROY N. GUNN, *Keeper*.
- C.— White's Bookstore, 1423 Main Street.
E. R. WHITE, *Keeper*.
- D.— Tuerke's Drug Store, 72 Forest Avenue.
C. W. TUERKE, *Keeper*.
- E.— Tuerke's Drug Store, 1872 Niagara Street.
C. W. TUERKE, *Keeper*.
- F.— Hermann's News Store, 2648 Main Street.
JOHN F. HERMANN, *Keeper*.
- G.— Hodson's Drug Store, Seneca and Elk Streets.
J. W. HODSON, *Keeper*.

APPENDIX L.

GIFTS.

	Vol.	Pamp.
Adams, Charles Francis, Boston,		2
Alabama, Secretary of State,		1
Alexander, DeAlva S.,	1	
Alfred University,		1
Almy, Francis,		32
American Anti-Vivisection Society,		1
American Baptist Home Mission Society,		1
American Historical Association,	2	1
American Humane Association,		1
American Institute of Electrical Engineers,	1	
American Institute of Homœopathy,	1	
American Institute of Mining Engineers,	1	
American Library Association,		1
American National Red Cross Relief Committee,	1	
American Park and Outdoor Association,		2
Amherst College,		1

	Vol.	Pamp.
Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company of Massachusetts,		2
Anti-Imperialist League, Boston,		20
Arkansas, Secretary of State,	1	
Armour Institute of Technology,		1
Art Students' League,		3
Association of Collegiate Alumnae,		1
Atkinson, Edward, Brookline, Mass.,		1
Axon, William E. A., Manchester, Eng.,		2
Babcock, Louis L.,	2	
Balch, T. W., Philadelphia,	1	
Baltimore, Municipal Art Society,		2
Banta, Theodore M., New York,	1	
Baptist Congress,		1
Batchellor, A. S., Littleton, N. H.,		1
Beer, William, New Orleans,		4
Benedict, Dr. A. L.,		1
Bennett College of Eclectic Medicine and Surgery, Chicago,		1
Berry, Rev. C. L.,		5
Berry, C. R.,	10	
Bigelow, Hamilton S.,		1
Blossom, Mary E.,	1	
Bolton, Mrs. Sarah Knowles, Cleveland,		1
Boston, Record Commissioners,	1	
Boston Book Company,		1
Boston, Children's Aid Society,		10
Boston, Children's Institutions Department,		1
Bourinot, Sir John G., K. C. M. G., Clerk of the House of Commons, Ottawa, Canada,	13	11
British Medical Association, Local Committee, Ports- mouth, England,	1	
Brooklyn, Tree Planting and Fountain Society,		5
Brown, Walter L.,	1	6
Bryant and Stratton Business College,		2
Buffalo, City Clerk,	2	
—Comptroller,	1	
—Corporation Counsel,		4
—Department of Public Works,		3

	Vol.	Pamp.
Buffalo, Fire Department,		2
— General Aid Committee,	1	
— Mayor's Office,		1
— Park Commissioners,		1
— Police Commissioners,		1
— Superintendent of Education,	1	
— Superintendent of Police,	1	1
Buffalo Children's Hospital,		1
Buffalo Civil Service Reform Association,		2
Buffalo Club,	1	
Buffalo, District Nursing Association,		2
Buffalo Express,		1
Buffalo Eye and Ear Infirmary,		1
Buffalo Forestry Association,		1
Buffalo Fresh Air Mission,		1
Buffalo General Hospital,		1
Buffalo Historical Society,		1
Buffalo Merchants' Exchange,	2	1
Buffalo Orphan Asylum,		11
Buffalo Seminary: Elmwood School,		1
Buffalo, Society for the Protection of Destitute Roman Catholic Children,		1
Buffalo Society of Natural Sciences,		3
Buffalo, University of,		1
Buffalo, Young Men's Christian Association,	3	
Burr, J. H. Ten Eyck, Cazenovia, N. Y.,		5
Burton, Clarence M., Detroit,		2
Busey, Samuel C., Washington, D. C.,	1	
Canada, Department of Agriculture,	2	
Canisius College,		16
Carnegie Steel Company,	2	
Cary, Thomas,		8
Caryl, Charles W., Denver, Col.,	1	
Chadwick, John White, Brooklyn,		1
Chapin, Willis O.,	3	
Chase, Walter G., Boston,		1
Chicago, Civil Service Commission,	1	
— Mayor,	1	
Chicago Board of Trade,	1	

	Vol.	Pamp.
Chicago, University of,		8
Chicago, University of, Manual Training School, . . .		1
Church of the Messiah, Literary Club,		1
Clayton, Henry D., Eufala, Ala.,		1
Cleveland, Board of Education,		1
College Settlements Association,		12
Columbia University,		1
Comstock, Marc W.,		3
Connecticut, Secretary of State,	1	
Cooke, A. W., Rochester,	1	
Cornell University,		4
Cornell University Agricultural Experiment Station, . .	2	
Courier Company,	45	
Crane & Company,	1	
Curtiss, Edwin,	1	
Dartmouth College,		2
Dauer, Albert,	1	
Delaware, Secretary of State,		1
Denison, Charles, Denver,		2
Depew, Dr. Chauncey M., New York,	1	
Dexter, Mary, Cincinnati,	2	
Dormer, James H.,		1
Dreer, Ferdinand Julius,	2	
Dresden, Königlichen Zoologischen und Anthropologisch- Ethnographischen Museums,		1
Edwards, Francis, London, Eng.,		1
Egypt Exploration Fund,		1
Elmwood School,		1
Empire State Association of Deaf-Mutes,		1
English-American Reading Class,		1
Erie County Almshouse,		2
Erie County, Board of Supervisors,	1	
— Penitentiary,		1
Essex Institute, Salem, Mass.,		1
Fabian Society, London, Eng.,		2
Fairmount Park Art Association, Philadelphia,		4
Farquhar, Major John M.,	1	
Ferris, Peter J.,		14
Field Columbian Museum, Chicago,		14

	Vol.	Pamp.
Fiscus, George H.,	8	333
Flemming, Mary A.,		6
Florida, Secretary of State,		1
Foote, Allen Ripley, Takoma Park, D. C.,		2
Franklin, A. B., Chicago,	1	
Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster, Pa., Alumni Association,		1
Free and Accepted Masons, Grand Lodge of the State of New York,		44
Friday Culture Club,		1
Fronczak, Dr. Francis Eustace,		4
Gallaudet Home for Deaf-Mutes, New York,		1
Green, Samuel Swett, Worcester, Mass.,		1
Griffiths, Alice F.,	1	
Gross Medical College, Denver,		1
Guggenberger, Father A.,	1	
Hall, Florence S.,		10
Hanna, Septimus J., Boston,		1
Harger, C. G., Jr.,		1
Hartford Theological Seminary,		2
Harvard University,	2	
Hawley, Lavinia,		3
Heard, Dr. Thomas Marsden,	1	
Hills, William Sanford, Boston,		1
Hobart College, Geneva, N. Y.,		1
Hodges, Col. Henry C.,	3	
Holmes, Clay W., Elmira,	2	
Holmes, Ella A.,		4
Houghton, Mifflin & Co.,	1	2
Hubbard, Elbert, East Aurora, N. Y.,		7
Hunt, Charles Wallace, New York,		1
Hutchinson, W. B., New York,	1	
Idaho, Secretary of State,		1
Illinois, Bureau of Labor Statistics,	2	
— Secretary of State,	1	1
Independent Club,		3
Independent Order of Odd-Fellows, Scajaquada Lodge, No. 615,		1
Indian Rights Association, Philadelphia,		4

	Vol.	Pamp.
Ingleside Home,		2
Intercontinental Railway Commission,	8	2
International Law Association, London, Eng.,		10
Iowa, Secretary of State,	1	
Ives, William,		69
Jamison, Mrs.,	4	
Johns Hopkins University,		1
Keep, C. H.,		9
Kentucky Institution for the Blind,		2
Kishner, O., Leipzig, Germany,	1	
Kittredge, Frank Edward, Albion, N. Y.,		1
Klinger, Mrs. E. N.,	23	
Krieg, John,	4	3
Lake Mohonk Conference of Friends of the Indian,		2
League of American Municipalities,		5
Lein, Henry C., Gardenville, N. Y.,		1
Leland Stanford Junior University,		1
— Hopkins Seaside Laboratory,		1
Lemcke & Buechner, New York,	1	
Liberal Club,	2	
Louisiana, Secretary of State,		1
Luther, Mark Lee,	1	
MacDonald, Arthur, Washington,		9
Mackey, William F.,	4	
McMichael, George H.,		3
Macomber, William,		2
Mahany, Rowland B.,	28	11
Maine, Secretary of State,	1	
Mankato (Minn.) Park Board,		1
Mann, H. S., Omaha, Neb.,		7
Massachusetts, Board of Railroad Commissioners,	1	
— Free Public Library Commission,	1	1
— State Board of Arbitration,	1	
Massachusetts Institute of Technology,		1
Mathews, Albert,	1	
Matzinger, Dr. H. G.,	1	
Michigan, State Board of Charities and Correction,	1	
Michigan, University of,	1	
Michigan Trust Company,		1

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Minneapolis, Board of Park Commissioners,	1	
Minnesota, Secretary of State,	1	
Missouri, Secretary of State,	1	
— Botanical Garden,	1	1
Montana, Bureau of Agriculture, Labor and Industry, .		1
National Association of Life Underwriters,		1
National Civil Service Reform League,		2
National Educational Association,	1	3
Neely, F. Tennyson, New York,		1
Nevada, Secretary of State,		1
New Hampshire, Secretary of State,	1	
New Jersey, State Geologist,	1	
New York City, Department of Education,	2	
— School Board of Boroughs of Manhattan and the Bronx,		2
New York City, Charity Organization Society,		13
New York City, Chemists' Club,		1
New York City, Civil Service Reform Association, . . .		6
New York City, Deutsche Gesellschaft der Stadt, . . .		1
New York City, General Society of Mechanics and Trades- men,		1
New York City, Juvenile Asylum,		1
New York City, Tree Planting Association,		8
New York State, Board of Health,	7	
— Board of Mediation and Arbitration,	10	
— Civil Service Commission,		1
— Commission in Lunacy,	1	
— Commissioner of Excise,	1	
— Commissioners of Reservation at Niagara Falls, . . .		7
— Department of Agriculture,	3	
— Engineer,	2	4
— Factory Inspector,	2	1
— Forest Preserve Board,		2
— Geologist,	1	
— Governor,		1
— Museum,	2	15
— Secretary of State,	26	
— University,	3	
New York State Charities Aid Association,		1

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New York Journal and Advertiser,		1
New York University,		29
New York Zoological Society,	1	
Noa, Frederic M.,	3	10
Normal, Lionel, Boston,		1
North, Charles J.,	1	
North Dakota, Secretary of State,	1	
Northern Indiana Historical Society,		3
Northwestern University,		1
Norton, Carol, Boston,		1
Norton, Charles P.,		2
Ohio, Secretary of State,	1	
Ohio, Wesleyan University,		1
Ontario, Commissioner of Crown Lands,		1
— Department of Agriculture,		1
Oregon, Secretary of State,	1	
Oswego Historical Society,	1	
Pan-American Publishing Company,	1	1
Patrick, Brother A.,	1	
Paul, Peter, Book Company,		2
Peabody Institute, Baltimore,		2
Peabody Institute, Peabody, Mass.,		1
Pennsylvania, Bureau of Industrial Statistics,	1	
— Senate Librarian,	1	
Pennsylvania, Prison Society,		2
Pennsylvania, University of,		3
Perkins Institution and Massachusetts School for the Blind,		1
Perrine, H. E.,		2
Peters, W. R. and J. P.,	1	
Philadelphia, Art Club,	1	1
Philadelphia, Civic Club,		33
Philadelphia Commercial Museum,		4
Pierce, Grace Adele, Randolph, N. Y.,	1	
Porter, Peter A., Niagara Falls,	2	
Pratt Institute, Brooklyn,		2
Preiss, Frederick,		1
Presbyterian Church, General Assembly,	2	
Princeton University,		1
Putnam, Frederick Ward, Cambridge, Mass.,		1

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Remington Gospel Settlement,		1
Rhode Island, Normal School,		1
Rhode Island, Secretary of State,	1	
Richardson, A. C.,	2	16
Richardson, William Adams, Estate of,	1	
Riley, Rev. I. W.,	1	
Rochester University,		2
Ronbroke Press, Los Angeles, Cal.,		2
St. Luke's Hospital, Chicago,		1
St. Margaret's School,		1
Salvation Army, Buffalo,		1
San Francisco, Merchants' Association,	1	10
Saturday Class,		4
Schulthess, Mrs.,	7	
Scott, William,	1	
Shepard, Mrs. Ellie J.,	2	
Shepard, Frederick J.,	1	5
Shiels, Effie H.,		7
Sickles, Gen. Daniel E., New York,		1
Smith, Hon. T. Guilford,	65	143
Smithsonian Institution,	2	2
— U. S. National Museum,	5	28
Society of Naval Architects and Marine Engineers,	1	
Sons of the American Revolution, Empire State Society,	1	2
Stechert, Gustav E., New York,	2	
Stevenson, William M., Allegheny, Pa.,		1
Stewart, W. D.,	2	
Stillman, Horace,	2	
Stone, C. W.,		1
Street, George B.,		1
Sturtevant, B. F., Company,		2
Sullivan and Cromwell, New York,	1	3
Texas, Secretary of State,		1
Thacher, John Boyd, Albany,	1	
Thiry, J. H., Long Island City,		2
Thomas, H. A.,		22
Thompson, John Bodine,		1
Townsend, Mrs. Harriet A.,		1
Trans-Mississippi and International Exposition, Omaha, Neb.,		1

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Trenck, Anthony,		3
Truscott, Sarah L.,	2	
Tucker, Charlton, St. Albans, Herts, Eng.,	1	1
Tulane University of Louisiana, New Orleans,		1
Turrill, S. M., Ithaca, N. Y.,		1
United States, Bureau of Education,	2	
— Bureau of Statistics,	3	22
— Civil Service Commission,	3	
— Coast and Geodetic Survey,	1	
— Commission to investigate the conduct of the War Department in the War with Spain,		2
— Department of Agriculture,		5
— Department of Agriculture, Division of Statistics,		1
— Department of the Interior,	2	28
— Department of Labor,	1	6
— Department of State,	2	1
— Director of the Mint,	1	
— Fish Commissioner,	2	
— Interstate Commerce Commission,	2	2
— Naval Academy, Annapolis,		29
— Navy Department,	2	
— Register of Copyrights,		3
— Superintendent of Documents,	245	182
— Surgeon-General,	2	1
— Treasury Department,	5	2
— War Department,	16	2
— Weather Bureau,		1
University Club,	1	3
Van Siclen, George W.,		1
Vedanta Society, New York,		1
Veeder, Dr. M. A., Lyons, N. Y.,		2
Vermont, Secretary of State,	1	
— State Board of Library Commissioners,		3
Vermont, University of,		1
Virginia, Secretary of the Commonwealth,	1	
Wakefield, J. A., Omaha, Neb.,	1	
Walker, H. D., Franklinville, N. Y.,		1
Washington Post,		2
Welch, Jane M.,	1	

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Welch, Thomas Cary,	1	
Welch, Thomas V., Niagara Falls,	1	4
Welcome Hall,		1
Wende, Dr. Ernest,		1
West Virginia, Secretary of State,		1
Western Reserve Historical Society,		2
Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Company,		1
Westminster Club,		1
Whitcomb, Mrs. Annabell Cook, Milwaukee, Wis.,		1
White, Marinda,	2	
Winslow, Irving, Boston,		3
Wisconsin, Bureau of Labor and Industrial Statistics,	1	
— Free Library Commission,		12
— State Historical Society,	1	1
— State Superintendent,		2
Wisconsin, University of,		4
Wolffson, Samuel S.,	1	
Woman's Investigating Club,		2
Women's Christian Association,		3
Women's Educational and Industrial Union,		1
Wood, Frederick C.,	1	
Wyoming, Secretary of State,		1
Yale University,		3
Young Men's Christian Association, International Com- mittee,		2
Young Men's Christian Associations of North America,	1	

GIFTS FROM LIBRARIES.

	Vol.	Pamp.
Aberdeen Public Library,		1
Aguilar Free Library. Bulletins,		1
Amherst College Library. Quarterly Bulletins,		
Boston Public Library. Bulletins,		2
Bowdoin College Library. Bibliographical Contributions,		
Brockton (Mass.) Public Library. Bulletins,		1
Brookline Public Library. Bulletins,		1
Brooklyn Library. Bulletins,		1
Brooklyn Public Library. Monthly,		1
Cambridge (Mass.) Public Library,	1	1

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Carnegie Free Library, Allegheny, Pa.,		1
Carnegie Public Library, Pittsburgh. Bulletins,		2
Cedar Rapids Free Public Library,		1
Chicago Public Library,		1
Cincinnati Public Library. Bulletins,		1
Clerkenwell Public Library, London, Eng. Quarterly Guide to Readers,		
Cleveland Public Library,		13
Council Bluffs Free Public Library,		1
Dayton Public Library,		3
Detroit Public Library,	1	1
District of Columbia Public Library,		1
Erie Public Library,		2
Evanston (Ill.) Free Public Library,		1
Everett (Mass.) Public Library,		1
Fall River (Mass.) Public Library,		1
Fletcher Free Library, Burlington, Vt.,		1
Forbes Memorial Library, Northampton, Mass.,		1
Friends' Free Library and Reading Room, Germantown, Pa.,		1
Gloversville Free Library,		1
Grand Rapids (Mich.) Public Library,		2
Grosvenor Public Library. Bulletins,		2
Hamilton (Ont.) Public Library,		1
Hartford Public Library. Bulletins,		1
Helena (Montana) Public Library. Bulletins,		
Hoboken (N. J.) Free Public Library,		1
Ilion Free Public Library,		1
Iowa Masonic Library. Bulletins,		
James Blackstone Memorial Library, Bradford, Conn. Bulletins,		
Japan, Imperial Library,		1
Jersey City Free Public Library. Record,		1
John Crerar Library, Chicago,		1
Kansas City Public Library,		1
Kingston-upon-Thames Free Public Library,		1
Lawrence (Mass.) Public Library. Bulletins,		1
Leeds (Eng.) Free Public Libraries,		1
Lincoln (Eng.) Public Library,	1	1

	Vol.	Pamp.
London (Ont.) Public Library,		1
Lowell (Mass.) City Library. Bulletins,		1
Maimonides Free Library, New York. Bulletins,		2
Milwaukee Public Library. Quarterly Index,		
Minneapolis Public Library. Bulletins,	1	1
Montclair (N. J.) Free Public Library,		1
New Bedford Free Public Library,		1
New Haven Free Public Library. Bulletins,		1
New South Wales Public Library,	1	
New York Free Circulating Library,		15
New York Free Library of the General Society of Mechan- ics and Tradesmen,		1
New York Mercantile Library. Bulletins,		1
New York Public Library. Bulletins,		1
New York Society Library,		1
New York State Library. Bulletins,	1	6
Newark Free Public Library. Library News,		1
Newberry Library, Chicago,		1
Newton (Mass.) Free Library,		1
North Tonawanda Public Library,		1
Oberlin College Library. Bulletins,		1
Omaha Public Library. Bulletins,		
Osterhout Free Library, Wilkes-Barré, Pa. News-letter, .		
Park College Library, Parkville, Mo. Bulletins,		1
Paterson (N. J.) Free Public Library,		1
Peoria (Ill.) Public Library. Bulletins,		1
Philadelphia, Apprentices' Library,		2
Philadelphia, Free Library. Bulletins,		1
Philadelphia, Library Company. Bulletins,		
Philadelphia, Mercantile Library Company. Bulletins, .		1
Pratt Institute Free Library. Bulletins,		2
Providence Athenæum. Bulletins,		1
Providence Public Library. Bulletins,		1
Reynolds Library, Rochester, N. Y.,		1
Rockford (Ill.) Public Library,		1
St. Joseph Free Public Library,		1
St. Louis Mercantile Library Association,		1
St. Paul Public Library,		2
Salem (Mass.) Public Library. Bulletins,		2

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San Francisco Free Public Library. Bulletins,		2
San Francisco Mechanics' Institute. Library Bulletins, .		1
San Francisco Mercantile Library Association,		4
Schenectady Free Public Library Association,		1
Scranton Public Library. Bulletins,		1
Skowhegan (Me.) Free Public Library,		1
Springfield (Mass.) City Library Association. Bulletins, .		1
Syracuse Central Library,		1
Toronto Public Library,		2
United States, Library of Congress,		15
University of California Library,		5
Warren County Library, Monmouth, Ill. Bulletins, . .		
Wilmington (Del.) Institute Free Library,		1
Worcester Free Public Library. Bulletins,		2

OTHER GIFTS.

- Bixby, James W. Eighteen magazine numbers.
 Brymner, Douglas, Ottawa. One map.
 Buffalo Central High School. Lists of pupils.
 Buffalo Commercial. Extra file for binding.
 Buffalo Courier. Extra file for binding.
 Buffalo Demokrat. Extra file for binding.
 Buffalo Enquirer. Extra file for binding.
 Buffalo Evening News. Extra file for binding.
 Buffalo Evening Times. Extra file for binding.
 Buffalo Express. Extra file for binding. One map.
 Buffalo Freie Presse. Extra file for binding.
 Buffalo Liedertafel. 148 volumes, 7,061 sheets of music.
 Buffalo State Normal School, Literature Classes.
 Framed picture: Murillo's St. Anthony and the Christ Child.
 Buffalo Volksfreund. Extra file for binding.
 Canada. Commissioner of Crown Lands. Eighteen map sheets.
 Carroll, Theodora. One magazine number.
 Central Presbyterian Church. Sixty-four numbers of Central Church Chimes.
 Ferris, Peter J. Five volumes, one number of magazines.
 Hampton, George P. One magazine number.

Hampton (Va.) Normal and Agricultural Institute. Two magazine numbers.

Ives, William. Twenty-four magazine numbers.

New York State. Agricultural Experiment Station, Geneva. Bulletins.

New York State Museum. One map.

New York State University. Bulletins.

Smith, Hon. T. Guilford. Framed portrait, fifteen volumes, thirty-seven numbers of magazines.

Stoddard, S. R., Glens Falls. One map.

Turrill, S. M., Ithaca, N. Y. Nine volumes, nine numbers of magazines.

Wright, W. H., Jr. Three volumes, three numbers of magazines.

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Week days, 9 A. M. to 9 P. M.
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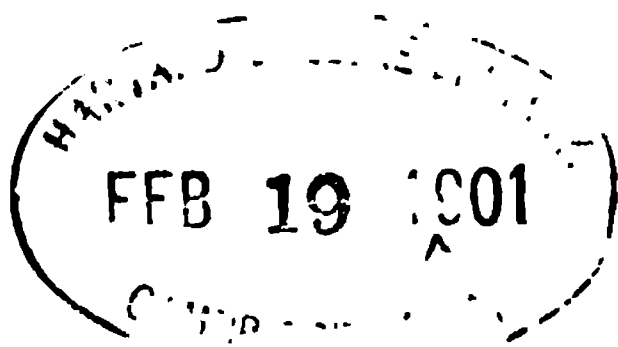
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1900.

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

TO THE HONORABLE THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BUFFALO :

Gentlemen,—On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Buffalo Public Library, in accordance with the contract and the law governing the institution, I have the honor to transmit its fourth annual report, covering the year 1900.

The report embraces, as its first item, the report of Mr. William P. Reed, Treasurer of the Buffalo Public Library, to the Board of Directors, presenting a detailed statement of all receipts, from whatever source, and of all expenditures, for the period from January 1st to December 31st, 1900. Appended to Mr. Reed's report is the certificate of Mr. William D. Ingersoll, registered accountant, that the Treasurer's books and vouchers for the period covered have been carefully examined and found to be correct.

This financial statement shows that the Board has found it necessary to use all its available income, but that it has carefully kept its expenditures within that amount.

The report of the Board of Directors embraces, as its second item, the report to themselves of Mr. H. L. Elmendorf, Superintendent of the Library, detailing the condition and work of each department of the Library.

The Board commends this report to careful reading by each member of your Honorable Body. It shows plainly that the Library grows daily in size, in efficiency, and in favor with the people.

We would draw your attention especially to the showing of the important work of the Library as an aid to the public schools. Thirty public schools, with an average registration of more than 19,000 children, are supplied with books by the Public Library. The circulation during ten months, from 20,346 books, among these children, is 194,045, fifty thousand more than were used by the whole city under the proprietary system.

The books are selected with great care, and we confidently look forward to a time when the effect of this powerful agency will be distinctly observable in the intelligence and character of the rising gen-

eration. A distinguished educator says in a letter concerning the outside effect of the paper read by the Superintendent before the National Educational Association, describing this work in the schools, "I think it will work like yeast on dough."

The great growth of the use of the Library is pressing in every part of the building for more room. With the removal of the Historical Society and the Fine Arts Academy to their own beautiful buildings, the Library will be able to occupy nearly all of its own building.

The work of the Library shows a ten per cent. advance in every department. The natural growth demands additional room, which it will be necessary to provide by remodeling the building at considerable expense. Every dollar that your liberality and wisdom furnish can be advantageously used. In view, however, of the extraordinary demands upon the taxpayers for the extraordinary expenses of Pan-American year, the Board of Directors respectfully requests that you appropriate the same proportion of the city's income as given last year, namely, four-fifths of four one-hundredths of one per cent. of the assessed valuation.

For the Board of Directors,

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE L. WILLIAMS,
President.

Buffalo, January 28, 1901.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Statement of the Treasurer of the Buffalo Public Library from January 1, 1900, to January 1, 1901.

RECEIPTS.

Balance, January 1, 1900,	\$ 4,905.29
City of Buffalo,	78,615.88
Interest from Buffalo Library permanent fund,	3,330.03
Fines, etc.,	3,452.22
State of New York,	200.00
School Fund,	683.00
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	\$91,186.42

EXPENDITURES.

Books,	\$22,652.84
Periodicals,	1,529.81
Binding,	6,694.66
Printing,	757.85
Library supplies,	965.49
Fuel,	1,670.77
Light,	2,609.40
Building account,	7,679.11
Miscellaneous,	2,896.54
Salaries: Library employees,	36,462.94
" Building " 	5,629.35
Delivery stations,	931.33
Branches,	77.30
Balance, January 1, 1901,	629.03
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	\$91,186.42

WILLIAM P. REED, *Treasurer.*

BUFFALO, Jan. 23, 1901.

I have examined the books and vouchers of Mr. William P. Reed, the Treasurer of the Buffalo Public Library, and find the same to be correct. The examination covers the period from January 1, 1900, to January 1, 1901.

WILLIAM D. INGERSOLL,
Accountant and Auditor.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE BUFFALO PUBLIC LIBRARY :

Gentlemen,— I have the honor to present the fourth annual report of the Superintendent of the Buffalo Public Library, covering the year 1900, the sixty-fifth year since the founding of the Buffalo Library.

For purposes of administration, the Library is divided into departments, each under the charge of an assistant, who is called the department head. These heads of departments meet formally once a year, when each presents a written report of his department to the Superintendent. This annual meeting was held January 8, 1901. The reports then presented form the basis of this report, and are filed among the permanent records of the Library.

REGISTRATION.

It was proposed when the Library was made free to issue borrowers' cards without limiting the time they should remain in force. A trial of this plan for three years proved it impracticable, for the borrowers' register became as incorrect as an old city directory. In October, the Board passed a resolution limiting the life of all cards to three years, and directing that cards of adults numbered from one to 25,000, and of children numbered from one to 5,000, be canceled January 1, 1901, and replaced by new cards as applied for. Notices were at once posted that these cards would be replaced by new ones at any time, and before the expiration date named, 6,710 cards were renewed. The number of re-issued cards, 6,710, has been deducted from the total in force, leaving the actual number of cards in use 65,803.

(See Appendix A.)

CONTENTS OF LIBRARY.

The last report showed a total of bound volumes in the

permanent collection of the Library, January 1, 1900,	143,411
Added by purchase,	19,911
Added by gift,	1,069
Added by binding,	607
Added by exchange,	26
Recovered, formerly reported as lost, .	14
Total additions,	21,627

Total additions,	21,627
Deductions — charged but not returned,	50
Lost in 1899–1900,	111
Lost and paid for,	74
Reported lost, but not yet paid for,	14
Worn out and withdrawn,	4,606
Total withdrawals,	4,855
Net additions,	16,772
Total permanent collection,	160,183
Directories temporarily placed,	88
Duplicate collection, not catalogued and not in use,	2,073
Children's picture books,	3,616
Total bound volumes, January 1, 1901,	165,960
Maps and plans,	837
Coast survey charts,	474
Sheet music,	7,906

(See Appendix B.)

It has not been thought necessary to take a full inventory each year on account of the expense and labor involved. This year a complete accounting was made of classes Philosophy, Religion, Biography, General Works, and the local collection. These classes number 32,183 volumes and all but 78 volumes were accounted for.

The large number (4,606) of books withdrawn is a noticeable, but not, by any means, an unfavorable item. It is made up of popular books worn out by legitimate reading and handling. The life of an ordinary book of fiction in constant demand is about three years, and the majority of the worn out books were purchased in the early days of the free library to meet the popular demand for fiction and children's stories. Eleven hundred and fifteen volumes have been replaced by new copies; most of the remainder are duplicate copies no longer needed. A few titles have been permanently dropped.

While we have tried to meet the demand for light reading and books on current topics, the gathering and preservation of knowledge in our permanent collection have not been lost sight of. The value of the Library in the line of American history, where it was already rich, has been greatly enhanced by the purchases of the year. Beside the ordinary books in this department, 270 volumes of what may be called the original sources of history have been bought at a cost of

\$1,250.00. Persistent effort has been made to complete, as far as possible, the sets of bound periodical literature indexed by Poole. We have added to this collection 792 volumes, which cost \$1,450.00. Complete sets of periodicals are of great value in reference work, and are increasingly difficult to find.

CIRCULATION.

Total circulation for home use,	981,235
Largest number in one day,	5,817
Smallest number in one day,	1,301
Days open,	306
Daily average,	3,206
Percentage of fiction, including children's stories,	67

(See Appendix C.)

The total circulation shows an increase over the previous year of 93,549 (10½ per cent.). The increase was 11,847 from the main Library, and 81,702 from the outside agencies, schools, branches, delivery stations, and the like. The remarkable total of the main Library circulation, 695,587, is attributable to the increased interest of the reading public, and also to the greater supply of new and attractive books. This increase in the use of the Library is particularly gratifying because it comes at a time when the business of the city is good. The usual experience of librarians is that the rise and fall of the circulation of the library alternates with the rise and fall of the business prosperity of the city — *i. e.*, when business is dull and many people idle library circulation increases, and when business is lively, the circulation of books falls off. It will indeed be difficult to equal this year's figures during the coming year with the busy times, the crowds of visitors, and the many diversions of Pan-American year to absorb the time and distract the interest of our readers.

The fiction percentage, sixty-seven per cent., is a slight decrease from the year before. Any figure between sixty-five and seventy per cent. is considered normal.

OPEN SHELF DEPARTMENT.

The total number of books in this department at the close of the year was 19,064, an increase over the year before of 1,879 volumes.

(See Appendix D.)

The circulation numbered 268,508, an average of fourteen times reading for every book in the collection.

Many classes have been revised by weeding out unused or superseded books and replacing them by new editions, new copies or better books on the same subjects. This revision is constantly going on, the purpose being to make and keep this a representative collection of the best and latest popular books on every subject represented.

A very important feature has been added to this department in the special collections of books for pupils of the eighth and ninth grades. Reading lists were prepared in connection with these books, printed and sent to all school principals and to each eighth and ninth grade teacher. Several objects were aimed at in this experiment: first, to help teachers and pupils, and aid in the co-operative work we are doing with the schools; next, to attract the pupils of these grades to the main Library; and, finally, to provide special books and special help for the children who, at about this school age, graduate from the children's room to the main Library, and change their children's cards for regular Library cards. The plan has proved eminently successful in all these directions. It has been good to see how pleased the children were to be able to go directly to a lot of books especially selected for them.

Bulletin and special reading list work has been continued, as heretofore. Good results have followed the plan of calling attention to single books of high character by home-made book posters. Members of the staff have shown much taste and skill in the designing and preparation of these posters.

The work of this department is much hampered for want of room. Often there are no unoccupied chairs, and no space to place more. With the increase of room, which another year will probably give us, we expect to do more and better work.

CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT.

The books in the Children's Room now number 8,181, and the circulation was 100,496.

(See Appendix E.)

The appearance of the rooms has been greatly improved by the renovation of the furniture, and the addition of new pictures and casts. A new frieze of burlaps extends the full length of the reading room, and serves as a background for the display of pictures on subjects of interest to the children, gathered and mounted by the assistants. Here were shown the prize designs of the St. Nicholas League, original drawings made by children, loaned to us by the Century Company.

The Saturday morning readings, or, as the children call it, the "Theater," have had crowded houses at every performance, and while some difficulty has been found in suiting the selections to the audiences, owing to disparity in the ages of the children, the readings have proved an effective method of awakening interest in good books.

An author and title card index has been completed, and is very helpful to the children, not only in aiding them to find the books they want, but in teaching them how to use catalogues and indexes.

A marked improvement in the children's reading is shown. This is particularly true of the boys.

REFERENCE DEPARTMENT.

The Reference Room now contains 2,184 volumes — an increase of 285 volumes since the last report. An inventory is taken every three months. The April check-up showed six books missing — July one, October none, and December none, making seven in all. These were for the most part small manuals, which were probably stolen.

There were brought from the stack for reference use 37,266 volumes, an increase of 571. The work of the department suffers for want of room. The crowded condition reported last year continues and grows worse. Much time is lost by the assistants on account of the distance from needed books in the stacks, particularly the bound periodicals. There seems no remedy for these difficulties until the other institutions in the building resign their rooms to the Library.

PERIODICAL DEPARTMENT.

The total number of periodicals taken now is 290.

(See Appendix F.)

We bind 220 for permanent preservation.

The average number of visitors is 265 daily, a slight increase. The annual display of books suitable for Christmas gifts was continued this year and proved as popular as heretofore.

NEWSPAPER DEPARTMENT.

The newspaper list shows little change from last year. We take 70 papers: 47 dailies and 23 weeklies.

(See Appendix G.)

All the local papers are bound, an extra copy for binding being given us by each of the Buffalo papers. Items of interest in local history, biography, necrology, etc., are cut from the papers, mounted on manila paper, bound in pamphlet form, and indexed.

The daily average of visitors, 273, is quite as many as we can comfortably accommodate. The order and quiet of the room has been all that could be desired.

CATALOGUE DEPARTMENT.

During the year, 21,613 books and about 1,000 pamphlets have been classified, catalogued and added to the library. Gifts of 1,075 volumes, 1,494 pamphlets and 5,801 sheets of music have been received and acknowledged. Besides the catalogue of new books, about 39,000 cards have been added to the dictionary catalogue. This catalogue now contains upwards of 75,000 cards, and includes the main classes, Natural Sciences, Fine Arts, Useful Arts, and the sub-classes of Bibliography, Economics, and Education, as well as all new books in all classes added since August 1, 1898.

A set of classed catalogues on cards of all our books in foreign languages has been made. Ten lists of additions, including one of German books, have been printed. We have also published an author-title catalogue of Polish books, which has been highly appreciated by our Polish readers.

BINDING.

Total number of volumes bound,	19,277
Magazines bound in boards,	1,177
Magazines, pamphlets and record books bound in manila,	2,070
Total cost of binding,	\$6,694.66

The binding has been satisfactory, both as to quality of work and the promptness with which it has been done.

STAFF.

All the reports made by the heads of departments mention the faithful and efficient service of the assistants. It gives me great pleasure to repeat and emphasize these statements. Throughout the Library, courteous, intelligent and helpful service is the invariable rule. The public, as a general thing, responds to this attitude on the part of the staff, and realizes that it is receiving, not perfunctory service, but interested assistance. The members of the staff take pride in the prosperity of the Library and its good reputation at home and abroad.

Several of them attended the meeting of the American Library Association at Montreal, and another group, the State Library Asso-

ciation meeting at Lake Placid, all at their own expense, and the ideas and enthusiasm gathered at both places have added much to the value of their work to the Library, and their own pleasure in doing it.

(See Appendix H.)

SCHOOLS.

The system of class-room libraries in public schools, explained in my last annual report, has been extended by the addition of eight public schools. We now supply thirty schools with 457 separate class-room libraries, containing 20,346 books. These were drawn by the children to take home 194,045 times — an increase in circulation over the year before of 59,617, or 44 per cent.

The libraries give increasing satisfaction to principals, teachers and children. It is interesting to note that the circulation from the first school to receive our books in January, 1896, was greater in October, 1900, by several hundred than it had ever been before. Almost every school shows a steady increase in circulation and in interest. The principals of one of the schools on the East side, where fully 75 per cent. of the parents are foreign born, stated that beyond any doubt the moral tone of his district has been changed for the better since his school has had books from the Public Library.

The banner school is No. 43, on Lovejoy Street. It has twenty class-room libraries, 904 books in all, which were drawn 18,802 times, *i. e.*, an average issue of twenty times for each book.

At the urgent request of the Chairman, I had the pleasure of explaining our system before the Library section of the National Educational Association at its meeting in Charleston, S. C., in July last.

I recommend that, at the beginning of the next school year, we extend this work to at least six more schools.

More than ten thousand mounted pictures have been loaned to the teachers. These pictures are cut from magazines, papers and wherever we can get them. They are in great demand in the schools to illustrate the lessons.

The plan of a daily delivery at each of the High Schools has been continued. This is much more satisfactory than the ordinary delivery-station work, because our own assistants visit each school twice each school day, first to collect and then to deliver the books. The circulation in this way was 18,784, a falling off of 766 from the year before. This makes the total circulation through the public schools, including grammar schools and high schools, 212,829.

TRAVELING LIBRARIES.

We have sent out, during the year, 108 traveling libraries, containing 3,131 volumes. The circulation, which by no means gives a just idea of their use, as in many cases the books do not circulate outside of the place where they are sent, numbered 9,025. These libraries were sent to High school classes, Grammar school classes, Private and Parochial schools, Church clubs, missions and settlements, Literary clubs, Sunday schools, Factories, Men's clubs, Home libraries, Fire houses and Police stations. The most successful part of this work continues to be that done in the Fire and Police departments. The books placed in the Fire houses have, in some cases, become neighborhood libraries, under the care and responsibility of the captains.

(See Appendix K.)

DELIVERY STATIONS.

The number of delivery stations, their location and keepers are the same as last year. The circulation has largely increased — from 38,453 in 1899 to 46,748 in 1900 — a gain of 8,295 volumes. These stations seem indispensable at present, but continue to be the most expensive and least satisfactory work we do. This is simply because the work is all done at arm's length, the borrowers having no opportunity to see the books, which they select by title only, and the assistants having no opportunity to see the borrowers whose lists of wants they try to fill.

(See Appendix L.)

BRANCHES.

It is presuming somewhat to call the small establishments where we have collections of books, branches. We have, however, dignified by this name the rooms we occupy in connection with the Westminster and the Welcome Hall settlement houses, rather with reference to what we expect them to grow into, than what they now are.

Westminster Branch, No. 421 Monroe Street, was started in 1898. Here we have 600 books, and the circulation for the year was 10,146. The rooms are open two days a week for five hours each day. Some grown people come, but the great majority of those who use the branch are children. Two assistants from the Library are required. Though small, and merely indicating what we could do with better facilities, the work has been very satisfactory from its beginning, and has made a distinct mark on the community.

Welcome Hall Branch was opened in January, 1900. The collection of books numbers 562, and the circulation was 7,365. This is the only place in all the Library departments where there has been trouble in regard to order. This trouble has come entirely, I think, because the room is too small. Fifty to sixty children have crowded into a room which will comfortably accommodate about twenty, and the result has been only what was to be expected. Either more room or the abandonment of the work I consider a necessary alternative. The room has been open two days a week for five hours each. We are now making the experiment of opening three days. Little can be said of the results of this branch except that it is in a part of the city, and among a community, which most needs the good influence of good books. This is one of the serious problems which we hope to be able to solve successfully this year.

I repeat and emphasize my remarks of last year, that the great need of the Library is branches. In this large city the distances from the Library, and the time and the car-fare expense to get there, are, for many who need and would enjoy it, absolutely prohibitive. I am convinced that each of four branches located in favorable parts of the city at a distance from the Library would circulate an average of 10,000 books a month each. This would, to a certain extent, relieve the congestion at the main Library, would greatly increase the usefulness of the Library by enabling the assistants to meet the wants of the borrower in dealing personally with him at the branch. It would redeem the promise made to the people when the Library was made free, and increase its usefulness many fold. There is no difficulty about the books themselves. The Library has, or can provide out of its regular income, suitable books for branch equipment. The difficulty is with providing proper buildings and furniture. I renew my recommendation of a year ago that the Board provide quarters for branches, even if in rented buildings, and vigorously push this most important project.

LIBRARY RECEIPTS.

Fines,	\$2,840.65
Catalogues sold,	98.99
Reserve postals,	368.57
Lost books,	63.83
Miscellaneous,	80.18
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	\$3,452.22

GIFTS.

Acknowledgment of gifts to the Library is made in Appendix M.

GENERAL.

It is hardly necessary to call your attention to the crowded state of the Library, except to note that it will take a considerable sum of money to alter and equip the building. The pinch has been felt most in the Catalogue room, where a force of seven works in space fitted for four, and in the main reading room in the Open-shelf department, which is overcrowded every day. The removal of the Reference room to the Art Gallery, when this is vacated, will give the present Reference Room for a reading room, and the Catalogue room will be moved to the room now occupied by the Society of Artists, communicating by electric elevator with the stacks.

The pressure for room in the book stacks will be relieved, temporarily at least, by the addition now in course of construction. This will hold 16,000 volumes, and will, we hope, be sufficient until we secure possession of the other part of the building. This addition will cost \$2,000.

The electric passenger elevator, completed during the year, is a great convenience to visitors to the Library, and particularly to visitors to the Historical Society and Fine Arts Academy.

This summary of the year's work needs little comment. It presents no sensational features. It reveals healthy growth and increased usefulness. We have by no means realized ultimate possibilities, but the Library is becoming each year more necessary to the people and a greater factor in the city's life and prosperity.

Thanking you, gentlemen, for your hearty support and co-operation, I remain,

With great respect,

H. L. ELMENDORF,
Superintendent.

APPENDIX A.

Registration.

Number of registered borrowers, January 1, 1900, . . . 57,257

Registered during 1900 :

New registration :

Over 14 years,	7,374	
Under 14 years,	2,721	
Total,		10,095

Renewals :

Over 14 years,	6,412	
Under 14 years,	298	
Total,	6,710	
Total number cards issued,		16,805
		<u>74,062</u>

Cancelled cards :

Cancelled by renewal :

Over 14 years,	6,412	
Under 14 years,	298	
Total,	6,710	

Cancelled for other reasons :

Over 14 years,	524	
Under 14 years,	1,025	
Total,	1,549	
Total cancellations,		8,259
Total cards in force, January 1, 1901,		<u>65,703</u>

APPENDIX B.

Classified Contents of the Library.

	Net additions Jan. 1, 1900, to Jan. 1, 1901.	Per cent.	Books, Totals, Jan. 1, 1901.	Per cent.	Pamphlets, Totals, Jan. 1, 1901.
General works,	453	.027	9,802	.061	2,292
Philosophy,	268	.016	2,454	.015	289
Religion,	924	.055	9,059	.057	590
Sociology,	1,862	.110	16,300	.101	4,312
Philology,	77	.004	842	.005	46
Natural science,	1,219	.073	9,685	.061	560
Useful arts,	635	.038	6,761	.042	1,340
Fine arts,	388	.023	5,214	.033	334
Literature,	2,253	.134	16,926	.106	191
Prose fiction,	5,245	.312	47,483	.296	.....
History,	1,395	.083	16,001	.100	749
Travel,	1,006	.060	8,738	.055	271
Biography,	1,042	.062	9,437	.059	592
Special collections :					
Local history and literature,	59	.003	1,421	.009	2,744
Children's reading room, . . . . .	.....	.....	60	.....	.....
Totals,	16,826		160,183		14,310
Withdrawals from children's reading room,	54	.....	.....	.....	.....
Net additions, January 1, 1900, to Janu- ary 1, 1901,	16,772				
Duplicate volumes not catalogued and not in use, . . . . .	.....	.....	2,073	.....	.....
Children's picture books, . . . . .	.....	.....	3,616	.....	.....
Directories, temporarily placed, . . . .	.....	.....	88	.....	.....
Grand total books, January 1, 1901,			165,960		

APPENDIX C.

Circulation by Classes.

	Jan.	Feb.	March.	April.	May.	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Totals.	Per Cent.
Magazines,	1,117	1,078	1,326	1,052	963	931	1,017	1,033	1,031	1,143	1,084	1,099	12,874	.013
Philosophy,	648	642	819	576	660	518	528	506	573	662	652	564	7,348	.008
Religion, .	886	844	1,000	690	597	534	521	595	648	763	762	695	8,535	.009
Sociology,	1,270	1,193	1,608	1,124	1,061	794	730	694	1,252	1,542	1,459	1,402	14,129	.014
Philology,	115	77	125	99	91	75	113	109	129	157	125	105	1,320	.001
Science, .	3,042	3,267	4,090	2,849	2,674	1,632	1,435	1,272	3,731	4,499	3,829	3,249	35,569	.036
Useful arts,	1,911	1,898	2,189	1,639	1,452	1,035	1,010	1,056	1,573	1,802	1,720	1,679	18,964	.019
Fine arts, .	1,641	1,537	1,841	1,444	1,193	963	849	888	993	1,284	1,406	1,331	15,370	.016
Literature,	9,172	8,401	9,978	8,321	7,705	4,502	3,386	3,305	8,329	10,920	10,578	9,379	93,976	.096
History, .	5,506	5,780	6,521	4,528	3,867	2,694	2,113	2,109	4,776	5,722	5,652	5,183	54,451	.055
Travel, .	3,435	3,511	4,151	2,990	2,638	1,802	1,534	1,529	3,080	3,761	3,761	3,408	35,600	.037
Biography,	2,432	2,671	3,169	2,173	2,011	1,251	1,000	1,007	2,023	2,495	2,322	2,377	24,931	.025
Fiction, .	61,340	59,491	71,615	56,329	51,097	40,220	37,633	38,731	55,690	64,591	61,854	59,577	658,168	.671
Totals,	92,515	90,390	108,432	83,814	76,009	56,951	51,869	52,834	83,828	99,341	95,204	90,048	981,235	1.000
Days open, .	26	23	27	25	26	26	25	27	24	27	25	25	306	
Daily average,	3,558	3,930	4,016	3,352	2,923	2,190	2,074	1,956	3,492	3,679	3,808	3,600	3,206	
Largest day, .	4,526	5,176	5,817	4,235	4,136	3,676	2,593	2,425	5,479	3,596	4,244	4,279	5,817	
Smallest day,	1,937	2,461	1,581	1,814	1,702	1,301	1,644	1,622	1,638	1,492	1,396	1,787	1,301	

APPENDIX C.
Circulation by Departments.

	Desk.	Open Shelves.	Children's Room.	Grammar Schools.	Stations.	High Schools.	Westminster House.	Welcome Hall.	Total Branches.	Traveling Libraries.	Totals.	Reference Room.
January,	29,314	28,290	9,546	17,175	3,942	1,591	1,111	590	1,701	956	92,515	4,100
February,	30,421	26,514	10,190	15,367	3,460	1,849	990	971	1,961	628	90,390	3,508
March,	33,718	29,786	12,657	22,150	4,136	2,782	1,175	1,171	2,346	857	108,432	3,988
April,	25,456	21,843	9,526	17,269	4,331	2,147	1,283	830	2,113	1,129	83,814	3,163
May,	24,033	19,152	7,465	15,290	4,249	2,688	1,061	680	1,741	1,391	76,009	2,779
June,	21,275	18,408	7,057	3,211	4,059	607	810	605	1,415	919	56,951	2,228
July,	21,162	18,389	7,374	.....	3,983	.....	582	251	833	128	51,869	2,001
August,	22,446	18,832	6,947	.....	3,877	.....	458	274	732	.....	52,834	2,215
September,	39,920	19,003	5,407	13,947	3,323	865	471	305	776	587	83,828	2,832
October,	26,990	21,832	6,897	36,330	3,663	1,883	747	419	1,166	580	99,341	3,749
November,	26,151	22,829	8,627	30,041	3,803	1,955	824	598	1,422	876	95,204	3,444
December,	25,697	23,630	8,803	23,399	3,922	1,651	801	671	1,472	1,474	90,048	3,259
Totals,	326,583	268,508	100,496	194,179	46,748	18,018	10,313	7,365	17,678	9,025	981,235	37,266

APPENDIX C.

Circulation — Comparative Statement.

	1897.	1898.	1899.	1900.
January,		79,205	73,083	92,515
February,		78,106	75,082	90,390
March,		80,591	86,244	108,432
April,		67,543	71,744	83,814
May,		53,612	63,526	76,009
June,		48,156	53,037	56,951
July,		46,767	53,753	51,869
August,		52,700	55,947	52,834
September,	44,392	52,190	85,870	83,828
October,	68,877	70,670	92,487	99,341
November,	76,571	71,201	94,327	95,204
December,	72,392	67,287	82,586	90,048
	262,232	768,028	887,686	981,235

APPENDIX D.

Classified Table of Books in Open-shelf Room.

ENGLISH.

General works,	4
Philosophy,	216
Religion,	252
Sociology,	687
Philology,	24
Science,	763
Useful arts,	435
Fine arts,	294
Literature,	661
History,	1,107
Travel,	689
Biography,	920
Fiction,	9,603
	15,655

GERMAN.

Religion,	2
Sociology,	3
Literature,	56
History,	29
Travel,	28
Biography,	21
Fiction,	679

818

FRENCH.

Literature,	22
History,	2
Travel,	7
Biography,	5
Fiction,	24

60

Bound magazines,	259
Current numbers of magazines,	306

565

NEW BOOKS—TEMPORARILY PLACED.

Class,	609
Fiction,	585

1,194

Books for use of 9th grade pupils,	483
Books for use of 8th grade pupils,	289

772

Total, 19,064

APPENDIX E.

Classified Table of Books in Children's Room.

General works,	2	
Philosophy,	21	
Religion,	35	
Fairy and folk tales,	190	
Sociology,	170	
Science,	610	
Useful arts,	224	
Fine arts,	171	
Literature,	981	
History,	821	
Travel,	407	
Biography,	298	
Fiction,	4,032	
		7,959
Pictures and stories,		77
Total,		8,036
Children's reading room,	52	
Scrap-books,	8	
Reference books,	85	
		145
Total,		8,181

APPENDIX F.

Periodicals.

- *Académie, *w.*
 Academy, *w.*
 American Academy of Political and Social Science, Publications, *numbered series, f.*
 American Antiquarian, *bi-m.*
 American Architect, International ed., *w.*
 American Catholic Historical Society Records, *q.*
 American Catholic Review, *q.*
 American Chemical Journal, *m.*
 American Economic Association Papers, *irregular.*
 American Historical Review, *q.*
 *American Homes, *m.*
 American Institute of Electrical Engineers, Transactions, *m.*
 *American Investments, *m.*
 *American Jewess, *m.*
 American Journal of Archæology, *irregular.*
 American Journal of Mathematics, *q.*
 American Journal of Morphology, *irregular.*
 American Journal of Philology, *q.*
 American Journal of Psychology, *q.*
 American Journal of Science, *m.*
 American Journal of Sociology, *bi-m.*
 American Machinist, *w.*
 American Microscopical Journal, *m.*
- American Monthly Magazine, *m.*
 American Monthly Review of Reviews, *m.*
 American Naturalist, *m.*
 American Philosophical Society Proceedings, *numbered series.*
 American Statistical Association Papers, *irregular.*
 American Year Book, *m.*
 Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science, *bi-m.*
 Antiquary, *m.*
 *Architectural Record, *q.*
 Architectural Review, *m.*
 Architects' and Builders' Magazine, *m.*
 Arena, *m.*
 Army and Navy Journal, *w.*
 Art Interchange, *m.*
 Art Journal, *m.*
 Artist, *m.*
 Ateneum, *m.*
 Athenæum, *w.*
 Atlantic Monthly, *m.*
 Auk, *q.*
 Babyhood, *m.*
 Bankers' Magazine, *m.*
 Biblical World, *m.*
 Biesiada Literacka, *w.*
 Bird-Lore, *bi-m.*
 Birds, *m.*
 Black and White, *w.*
 Blackwood's Magazine, *m.*
 Bluszcz, *w.*

* Gift.

- Book Buyer, *m*.
 Bookman, *m*.
 Book News, *m*.
 *Book Reviews, *m*.
 Brick Builder, *m*.
 Brochure Series, *m*.
 *Buffalo Medical Journal, *m*.
 *Bulletin Continental, Le, *m*.
 *Bulletin of Labor Statistics of
 New York, *q*.
 *Bulletin, Y. M. C. A., *m*.
 *Bulletin of the League of Ameri-
 can Municipalities, *m*.
 Bulletin of the American Geogra-
 phical Society, *five times a year*.
 *Calendar, *m*.
 California Municipalities, *m*.
 *Calvary S. S. Torch, *m*.
 Canadian Magazine, *m*.
 Cassier's Magazine, *m*.
 Catholic University Bulletin, *q*.
 Catholic World, *m*.
 Century, *m*.
 Chambers's Journal, *m*.
 Charities Review, *m*.
 Chautauquan, *m*.
 Child Garden, *m*.
 Child Study Monthly, *m*.
 *Christian Science Sentinel, *w*.
 *Church Home Quarterly, *q*.
 Church Work, *f*.
 Churchman, *w*.
 City and State, *w*.
 Collier's Weekly, *w*.
 *Consular Reports, *m*.
 Contemporary Review, *m*.
 Cornell University Agricultural
 Reports, *w*.
 Cornhill Magazine, *m*.
 Cosmopolitan, *m*.
 Cram's Magazine, *m*.
 Critic, *m*,
 *Criterion, *w*.
 Cumulative Index, *m*.
 Current History, *q*.
 Current Literature, *m*.
 Deutsche Litteratur Zeitung, *w*.
 Deutsche Rundschau, *m*.
 Dial, *f*.
 *Dixie, *m*.
 Dublin Review, *q*.
 Eclectic Magazine, *m*.
 Economist, *w*.
 Economic Journal, *q*.
 Edinburgh Review, *q*.
 Education, *m*.
 Educational Review, *m*.
 *Educator, *m*.
 Electrical Review, *w*.
 Electrical World, *w*.
 Engineering, *w*.
 Engineering and Mining Journal,
 w.
 Engineering Magazine, *m*.
 Engineering News, *w*.
 Engineering Record, *w*.
 English Catalogue, *m*.
 English Historical Review, *q*.
 English Illustrated Magazine, *m*.
 Essex Antiquarian, *m*.
 Etude, *m*.
 Evangelist, *w*.
 Forester, *m*.
 Fortnightly Review, *m*.
 Forum, *m*.
 *Free Russia, *m*.
 Gartenlaube, *f*.
 Gentleman's Magazine, *m*.

* Gift.

- Geographical Journal, *m.*
 Geological Magazine, *m.*
 Graphic, *w.*
 Great Round World, *w.*
 Greater Buffalo, *m.*
 Harper's Bazar, *w.*
 Harper's Monthly, *m.*
 Harper's Weekly, *w.*
 *Hartford Seminary Record, *q.*
 *Health Department Monthly Report, *m.*
 Illustrated London News, *w.*
 Illustration, L', *w.*
 Illustrierte Zeitung, *w.*
 Independent, *w.*
 Inland Architect, *m.*
 International Journal of Ethics, *q.*
 International Monthly, *m.*
 International Studio, *m.*
 *Johns Hopkins University Circular, *irregular.*
 Johns Hopkins University Studies in Historical and Political Science, *numbered series.*
 Journal of American Folk Lore, *q.*
 Journal of Education, *w.*
 Journal of Geology, *m.*
 Journal of Political Economy, *q.*
 Journal of the American Chemical Society, *m.*
 *Journal of the Association of Engineering Societies, *m.*
 Journal of Franklin Institute, *m.*
 Journal of the Institution of Electrical Engineers, *irregular.*
 Journal of the Royal Statistical Society, *q.*
 Journal of the Society of Chemical Industry, *m.*
 Journal of the Western Society of Engineers, *bi-m.*
 *Journal of Zoöphily, *m.*
 Judge, *w.*
 Kindergarten Magazine, *m.*
 Knowledge, *m.*
 Ladies' Home Journal, *m.*
 *Le Couteulx Leader, *w.*
 Library, *q.*
 Library Journal, *m.*
 Library World, *m.*
 Life, *w.*
 Lippincott's Magazine, *m.*
 *Literary Era, *m.*
 Literary News, *m.*
 Literary World, *m.*
 Littell's Living Age, *w.*
 Das Litterarische Echo, *f.*
 Little Folks, *m.*
 *Locomotive, *m.*
 Locomotive Engineering, *m.*
 McClure's Magazine, *m.*
 Macmillan's Magazine, *m.*
 Magazine of Art, *m.*
 Manual Training Magazine, *q.*
 Marine Review, *w.*
 *Masten Park Chronicle, *q.*
 Mind, *q.*
 *Mines and Minerals, *m.*
 Missionary Review, *m.*
 Modern Language Association of America Publications, *q.*
 Mon Journal, *w.*
 Monist, *q.*
 *Monthly Bulletin of the Bureau of American Republics, *m.*
 Monthly Cumulative Book Index, *m.*

* Gift.

Monthly Review, *m*.
 Municipal Affairs, *q*.
 Municipal Engineering, *m*.
 Munsey's Magazine, *m*.
 Music, *m*.
 Nation, *w*.
 National Review, *m*.
 *National Single Taxer, *m*.
 Nature, *w*.
 New England Historical and
 Genealogical Register, *q*.
 New England Magazine, *m*.
 New York Genealogical and Bio-
 graphical Record, *q*.
 *Newspaper Maker, *w*.
 Nineteenth Century, *m*.
 North American Review, *m*.
 Notes and Queries, *w*.
 Observatory, *m*.
 *Odd Fellows' Magazine, *m*.
 *Official Gazette of the U. S.
 Patent Office, *w*.
 Open Court, *m*.
 *Open Window, *m*.
 *Our Fellow Creatures, *m*.
 *Our Record, *m*.
 Outing, *m*.
 Outlook, *w*.
 Outlook (English), *w*.
 Overland Monthly, *m*.
 Pall Mall Magazine, *m*.
 Pan-American, *m*.
 Pan-American Herald, *m*.
 *Paradise of the Pacific, *m*.
 Pathfinder, *w*.
 Pedagogical Seminary, *q*.
 Pennsylvania Magazine of His-
 tory and Biography, *q*.
 Petermanns Mitteilungen, *m*.

Petermanns Mitteilungen Er-
 gänzungsheft, *numbered series*.
 Philistine, *m*.
 Philosophical Magazine, *m*.
 Philosophical Review, *bi-m*.
 *Phonetic Journal, *w*.
 Political Science Quarterly, *q*.
 Popular Astronomy, *m*.
 Popular Science, *m*.
 Popular Science Monthly, *m*.
 Postal Record, *m*.
 Power, *m*.
 *Practical Farmer, *w*.
 Printers' Ink, *w*.
 Psychological Review, *bi-m*.
 *The Public, *w*.
 Public Libraries, *m*.
 Public Opinion, *w*.
 Publishers' Weekly, *w*.
 Puck, *w*.
 Punch, *w*.
 Quarterly Journal of Economics, *q*.
 *Quarterly Record (N. Y. Chari-
 ties), *q*.
 Quarterly Review, *q*.
 Répertoire Bibliographique de la
 Librairie Française, *m*.
 Revue des Deux Mondes, *f*.
 Review of Reviews (English ed.),
 m.
 St. Nicholas, *m*.
 Saturday Evening Post, *w*.
 Saturday Review, *w*.
 School Review, *m*.
 Science, *w*.
 Science Abstracts, *m*.
 Scientific American, *w*.
 Scientific American Supplement,
 w.

* Gift.

- Scientific American Building Edition, *m.*
 Scottish Geographical Magazine, *m.*
 Scottish Review, *q.*
 Scribner's Magazine, *m.*
 *Search-Light, *m.*
 Social Service, *m.*
 Society for Psychical Research, Proceedings, *irregular.*
 *Special Consular Reports, *numbered series.*
 Spectator, *w.*
 *Spirit of '76, *m.*
 Strand, *m.*
 Sunday School Times, *w.*
 *Sunset, *m.*
 *Technology Review, *q.*
 Telephone Magazine, *m.*
 Temple Bar, *m.*
 Theosophical Review, *m.*
 Trained Nurse, *m.*
 *Triumphs of Faith, *m.*
 Truth, *w.*
 Ueber Land und Meer, *w.*
 *U. S. Labor Department Bulletins, *bi-m.*
 *U. S. Monthly Weather Review, *m.*
 U. S. Naval Institute, Proceedings, *q.*
 U. S. Postal Guide, *m.*
 *U. S. Statistical Bureau Monthly Summary, *m.*
 *Universalist Leader, *w.*
 Vom Fels zum Meer, *f.*
 Westermann's Monatshefte, *m.*
 Westminster Review, *m.*
 World's Work, *m.*
 *Women's Home Companion, *m.*
 Yale Review, *q.*
 Young America, *m.*
 Youth's Companion, *w.*

SUMMARY.

Monthly,	157
Weekly,	68
Quarterly,	39
Fortnightly,	6
Bi-monthly,	8
Numbered,	4
Irregular,	8
Total,	290

For Circulation.

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|---|-------------------------------|
| 9 American Monthly Review of Reviews, <i>m.</i> | 5 Atlantic Monthly, <i>m.</i> |
| 1 Arena, <i>m.</i> | 1 Babyhood, <i>m.</i> |
| 1 Ateneum, <i>m.</i> | 1 Bluszczy, <i>w.</i> |
| | 1 Bookman, <i>m.</i> |

* Gift.

18 Century, <i>m.</i>	4 McClure's Magazine, <i>m.</i>
1 Chautauquan, <i>m.</i>	2 Mon Journal, <i>w.</i>
2 Cosmopolitan, <i>m.</i>	3 Munsey's Magazine, <i>m.</i>
2 Critic, <i>m.</i>	1 Music, <i>m.</i>
1 Current Literature, <i>m.</i>	2 New England Magazine, <i>m.</i>
1 Education, <i>m.</i>	2 North American Review, <i>m.</i>
1 Educational Review, <i>m.</i>	3 Outing, <i>m.</i>
3 Forum, <i>m.</i>	1 Outlook, <i>w.</i>
17 Harper's New Monthly Magazine, <i>m.</i>	1 Overland Monthly, <i>m.</i>
1 Kindergarten Magazine, <i>m.</i>	2 Popular Science Monthly, <i>m.</i>
3 Lippincott's Magazine, <i>m.</i>	17 Scribner's Magazine, <i>m.</i>
	4 World's Work.

Total, 30 Magazines, 111 Copies.

In Children's Room.

1 Birds, <i>m.</i>	3 Little Folks, <i>m.</i>
1 Bird-Lore, <i>bi-m.</i>	7 St. Nicholas, <i>m.</i>
2 Child Garden, <i>m.</i>	3 Youth's Companion, <i>w.</i>
1 Harper's Weekly, <i>w.</i>	

Total, 7 Magazines, 18 copies.

At Monroe Street Branch.

1 Child Garden, <i>m.</i>	1 Puck, <i>w.</i>
1 Harper's Weekly, <i>w.</i>	1 St. Nicholas, <i>m.</i>
1 Little Folks, <i>m.</i>	1 Scribner's Magazine, <i>m.</i>
1 McClure's Magazine, <i>m.</i>	1 Youth's Companion, <i>w.</i>

APPENDIX G.

Periodicals in Newspaper Department.

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| Albany Journal, <i>d.</i> | Life, <i>w.</i> |
| Atlanta Constitution, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i> | London Times, <i>w.</i> |
| Baltimore American, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i> | Louisville Courier-Journal, <i>d.</i> |
| Boston Journal, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i> | and <i>s.</i> |
| Boston Transcript, <i>d.</i> | Milwaukee Sentinel, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i> |
| Brooklyn Eagle, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i> | Montreal Star, <i>d.</i> |
| *Buffalo Arbeiter-Zeitung, <i>s.</i> | *National Odd-Fellow, <i>w.</i> |
| Buffalo Commercial, <i>d.</i> | New Orleans Picayune, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i> |
| Buffalo Courier, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i> | New York Evening Post, <i>d.</i> |
| Buffalo Demokrat, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i> | New York Herald, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i> |
| Buffalo Enquirer, <i>d.</i> | New York Staats-Zeitung, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i> |
| Buffalo Express, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i> | New York Sun, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i> |
| Buffalo Freie Presse, <i>d.</i> | New York Times, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i> |
| Buffalo News, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i> | New York Tribune, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i> |
| *Buffalo Polak w Ameryce, <i>d.</i> | *The People, <i>w.</i> |
| Buffalo Review, <i>d.</i> | Philadelphia Press, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i> |
| Buffalo Times, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i> | Pittsburgh Dispatch, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i> |
| Buffalo Tribune, <i>w.</i> | Puck, <i>w.</i> |
| Buffalo Volksfreund, <i>d.</i> | *Reforma, <i>w.</i> |
| Catholic Union and Times, <i>w.</i> | Rochester Democrat and Chronicle, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i> |
| Chicago Record, <i>d.</i> | Rochester Post-Express, <i>d.</i> |
| Chicago Times-Herald, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i> | Rural New Yorker, <i>w.</i> |
| Chicago Tribune, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i> | St. Louis Globe-Democrat, <i>d.</i> |
| *Christian Intelligencer, <i>w.</i> | and <i>s.</i> |
| *Christian Register, <i>w.</i> | St. Paul Pioneer Press, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i> |
| Cincinnati Enquirer, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i> | San Francisco Chronicle, <i>d.</i> |
| Cleveland Plain Dealer, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i> | and <i>s.</i> |
| *Corriere Italiano, <i>w.</i> | *School, <i>w.</i> |
| Denver News, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i> | Springfield Republican, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i> |
| Detroit Free Press, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i> | Syracuse Post-Standard, <i>d.</i> |
| *Erie County Independent, <i>w.</i> | Toronto Globe, <i>d.</i> |
| Forest and Stream, <i>w.</i> | Utica Press, <i>d.</i> |
| Harper's Weekly, <i>w.</i> | *Vorwärts, <i>w.</i> |
| Illinois Staats-Zeitung, <i>d.</i> | Washington Post, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i> |
| Illustrated London News, <i>w.</i> | *Der Westen, <i>w.</i> |
| Judge, <i>w.</i> | *Westfield Republican, <i>w.</i> |
| *Lancaster Enterprise, <i>f.</i> | |

* Gift.

APPENDIX H.

STAFF.

GENERAL.

Henry L. Elemendorf,	<i>Superintendent.</i>
Walter L. Brown,	<i>Assistant Superintendent.</i>
William Ives,	<i>Librarian.</i>
Mrs. Bertrice S. Fulton,	<i>Sup't Circulating Department.</i>
William P. Reed,	<i>Treasurer.</i>
Ella B. Gartland,	<i>Stenographer.</i>
Lucia T. Henderson,	<i>Order Clerk.</i>

CATALOGUE DEPARTMENT.

Ellen M. Chandler, <i>Head</i> ,	Margaret Bruce McCabe,
Mary J. Briggs,	Jane E. Provoost,
Ella G. Christey,	Grace D. Rose,
Emily S. Coit,	Marie X. Sevasco,
Eleanor G. Hawkins,	Marie M. Smith.

Finishing, Marking and Labeling.

Pauline C. D. Dichel,	
Jennie Dillon,	Mattie C. Schottin.

BINDERY RECORD AND REPAIR.

Harriet E. Provoost, <i>Head</i> ,	Elizabeth Eckner.
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REFERENCE DEPARTMENT.

Frederick J. Shepard, <i>Head</i> ,	Charlotte J. van Peyma.
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CIRCULATING DEPARTMENT.

Harriet A. Beach, <i>Head</i> ,	Delivery Counter.
Frances L. Rathbone, <i>Head</i> ,	Open-shelf Room.
Nettie V. Howard, <i>Head</i> ,	Children's Room.
Gertrude E. Allen,	Caroline Galligan,
Gertrude E. Andrus,	Florence S. Hall,
Alice M. Baritot,	Helen M. Johnson,
Margaret C. Campbell,	M. Elizabeth Schanzlin,
Jessie H. Cole,	Mary E. Stanbridge,
Verona M. Conrad,	Caroline Farr Webster,
Agnes P. Cruice,	Marinda S. White,
Della K. Dayton,	Nellie A. Whitman,
Russell J. Forbes, Jr.,	Alice G. Wightman.

Mrs. Josepha Kudlicka, Polish Assistant,
Owen Augspurger, Evening Assistant,
William F. McGlashan, Evening Assistant,
Edith R. Alberger, Fines and Reserve Books.

CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT.

Lucy L. Cook, Mary E. Corl,
Grace Huffner, Arthur F. Dietrich, Page,
Arthur M. McGinness, Page.

DELIVERY STATIONS.

James P. Fowler, *Head*, Charles T. Magner.

SCHOOLS AND TRAVELING LIBRARIES.

Claude G. Leland, *Head*, Stella M. Bushnell,
Harry N. Parsons.

REGISTRY DEPARTMENT.

Mary Ellen Blossom, Florence Maischoss.

PERIODICAL DEPARTMENT.

Mrs. Stella B. Ransom, *Head*, Rose E. Chamberlin.

NEWSPAPER DEPARTMENT.

Sara P. Sheldon, *Head*, James S. Hucker.

SHELF DEPARTMENT.

Robert Ramsey, *Head*, Charles Shear,
Walter L. Alberger, Charles Wilson,
George Winter.

ENGINEER AND JANITOR.

John Krieg.

Two Assistants.

Five women.

CHECK ROOM.
Charles Fulton.

ELEVATOR.
John Hickey.

SPECIAL OFFICER.

Madison E. Grantier.

APPENDIX J.

Schools.

School Number.	Street.	Number Libraries.	Number Books.	Months in use.	Circulation.
7	S. Bailey,	14	616	4	3,660
10	Delaware,	9	408	10	2,864
13	Oak,	9	409	10	3,871
14	Franklin,	9	410	10	2,988
15	Oak,	19	855	10	10,813
17	Main,	21	933	10	12,906
19	West,	25	1,147	3	4,410
20	Amherst,	15	709	10	4,485
21	Hertel,	2	117	4	357
22	Main,	6	292	4	1,021
23	E. Delavan,	8	358	10	3,449
25	Lewis,	13	571	4	1,551
26	Milton,	20	876	10	8,438
33	Elk,	18	816	10	5,528
39	High,	29	1,272	10	12,574
43	Lovejoy,	20	904	10	18,802
44	Broadway,	22	951	10	14,768
47	Hickory,	14	622	10	4,662
49	Vermont,	15	695	10	8,014
50	Eagle,	12	467	10	10,347
51	Guernsey,	16	705	10	6,705
52	Barry Pl.,	22	976	10	9,454
53	Winslow,	20	886	10	8,685
55	Guilford,	23	966	4	5,160
56	Elmwood,	17	779	10	8,481
58	Rother,	21	917	10	10,924
59	Glenwood,	15	652	4	2,368
60	Ontario,	14	616	10	3,738
School of Practice.	Normal,	9	421	10	3,822
Total, . .		457	20,346		194,045

APPENDIX K.

List of Traveling Libraries.

1900.			BOOKS.
Jan.	6.	Church of the Ascension Guild House,	General, 48
"	6.	Dr. Trant, M. P. H. S., .	Psychology, 14
"	8.	Highland Park Literary Club,	English History, . . 23
"	12.	Father Sloan,	Educational, 15
"	12.	Erie County Hospital, . .	General, 42
"	12.	Truant School,	General, 35
"	16.	Miss Wilson, St. Paul's Par- ish House,	Historical Fiction, . 12
"	20.	Homœopathic Hospital, .	General, 30
"	20.	Women's Hospital,	General, 20
"	25.	Women Teachers' Associa- tion,	European Travel, . . 70
"	25.	Larkin Soap Co.,	General, 339
"	25.	Miss Robinson, St. Marga- ret's School,	Tennyson, 3
"	30.	Larkin Soap Co.,	Magazines, 29
Feb.	3.	Uzeta Club,	General, 19
"	4.	Miss Wilson, St. Paul's Par- ish House,	Historical Fiction, . 10
"	4.	Miss Bull, St. Andrew's Guild House,	Historical Fiction, . 7
"	7.	Miss Carroll, Normal School,	Roman History, . . 17
"	8.	University Club,	General, 51
"	10.	Providence Retreat, . . .	General, 24
"	10.	Mr. Detmers, W. H. S., .	American History, . 20
"	12.	Bethlehem M. E. Sunday School,	General, 179
Mar.	2.	Miss Kempke, Sch. No. 10,	Educational, 19
"	7.	Miss Reynolds, M. P. H. S.,	Botany, 19
"	8.	Mrs. Ryerson, M. P. H. S.,	English Literature, . 19
"	9.	Providence Retreat, . . .	General, 25
"	13.	Miss Bull, St. Andrew's Guild House,	Historical Fiction, . 10
"	20.	Truant School,	General, 40

1900.			BOOKS.
Mar. 23.	Miss Chase, Sch. No. 10, .	Botany,	10
April 16.	St. Bridget's Lyceum Reading Club,	Hawthorne,	12
May 1.	Miss Clark, Sch. No. 44, .	N. Y. State History, .	9
" 8.	St. Paul's Parish House — Mother's Club,	General,	58
June 7.	Young Men's Hebrew Association,	Jewish Hist. and Lit.,	70
" 9.	First United Presbyterian Sunday School,	General,	106
" 22.	Erie County Hospital, . . .	General,	42
" 27.	Miss Van Winkle,	General,	8
July 1.	Prof. Upton,	General,	30
" 5.	Uzeta Club,	Fiction,	25
" 5.	Vacation School No. 3, . .	General,	50
" 5.	Vacation School No. 42, . .	General,	55
" 5.	Vacation School No. 44, . .	General,	50
Aug. 27.	Buffalo Academy of the Sacred Heart,	Grecian History and English Literature,	49
Sept. 10.	Miss Gemmel, M. P. H. S.,	Geology,	25
" 15.	Father Sloan,	Science,	34
" 20.	Homœopathic Hospital, . .	General,	33
" 21.	Erie County Hospital, . . .	General,	40
" 21.	Miss Elder, Kindergarten Training Class,	Pedagogy,	11
" 22.	Miss Carroll, Normal School,	English History, . .	29
Oct. 1.	Miss Mott, Normal School,	American History, .	12
" 5.	Truant School,	General,	30
" 10.	Mme. Zielenski, C. H. S.,	French Fiction and Literature,	49
" 10.	Highland Park Literary Club,	Holland,	24
" 10.	Parkside Unitarian Sunday School,	General,	50
" 12.	Miss Robinson, St. Margaret's School,	Ober-Ammergau, . .	8
" 13.	Buffalo Academy of the Sacred Heart,	Astronomy and Botany,	19

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1900.			BOOKS.
Oct.	16.	Miss Wrigley, Sch. No. 18,	American History, . . . 29
"	21.	Thoreau Club,	Architecture, . . . 10
"	27.	Delaware Avenue Study Class,	German History, . . . 34
"	31.	Miss Bates, M. P. H. S., .	Eng. Hist. and Lit., . 21
Nov.	1.	Miss Nash, School No. 14,	General, 67
"	7.	Miss Darrah, St. Margaret's School,	South American and European Geography, 14
"	7.	Church of the Ascension Guild House,	General, 30
"	10.	Miss Small, Sch. No. 50,	Thanksgiving, . . . 19
"	16.	St. Paul's Parish House— Men's Club,	General, 40
"	16.	Uzeta Club,	Architec. and Fiction, 21
Dec.	3.	Maple Street Chapel, . .	General, 39
"	4.	Church of Our Father Sun- day School,	General, 84
"	5.	Ingleside Home,	General, 50
"	7.	Home Library, 188 Trenton Avenue,	Children's Books, . . 15
"	11.	Erie County Hospital, . .	General, 40
"	12.	Remington Hall,	General, 94
Total,			2,684

Fire Houses and Police Stations.

1900.			BOOKS.
April.	Engine No. 28,	. . . . .	30
"	" " 26,	. . . . .	30
"	" " 15,	. . . . .	30
"	" " 19,	. . . . .	30
"	" " 11, Hook and Ladder No. 4,	. . . . .	30
"	" " 17,	. . . . .	30
"	Chemical No. 5,	. . . . .	29
"	Engine No. 2,	. . . . .	30
"	Hook and Ladder No. 9,	. . . . .	30
"	Chemical No. 4,	. . . . .	30
"	Engine No. 16,	. . . . .	30
"	" " 24,	. . . . .	30

1900.		BOOKS.
April.	Hook and Ladder No. 7,	30
"	Engine No. 21, Hook and Ladder No. 6,	30
"	" " 18,	30
"	" " 22,	30
"	" " 14,	30
"	" " 27,	29
"	Chemical No. 6,	30
"	Engine No. 3, Hook and Ladder No. 3,	30
"	" " 5,	30
"	Truck " 5,	30
"	Engine " 6,	29
"	" " 25,	30
"	" " 8,	30
"	Hook and Ladder No. 8,	30
"	Engine No. 20 (Fire tug),	30
"	" " 23, " "	29
"	" " 4,	30
"	" " 31,	30
"	" " 30, Truck No. 10,	30
"	Precinct No. 12,	30
"	" " 8,	30
"	" " 9,	30
"	" " 11,	29
"	" " 6,	30
"	" " 5,	30
"	" " 13,	30
Total,		<u>1,135</u>

APPENDIX L.

Delivery Stations.

- A.— Y. M. C. A. Building, . . . Broadway and Bailey Avenue.
EDWARD KETTLE, *Keeper*.
- B.— Gunn's Pharmacy, 807 Seneca Street.
ROY N. GUNN, *Keeper*.
- C.— White's Bookstore, 1423 Main Street.
E. R. WHITE, *Keeper*.
- D.— Tuerke's Drug Store, 72 Forest Avenue.
C. W. TUERKE, *Keeper*.
- E.— Tuerke's Drug Store, 1872 Niagara Street.
C. W. TUERKE, *Keeper*.
- F.— Hermann's News Store, 2648 Main Street.
JOHN F. HERMANN, *Keeper*.
- G.— Hodson's Drug Store, Seneca and Elk Streets.
J. W. HODSON, *Keeper*.

APPENDIX M.

GIFTS.		Vol.	Pamp.
Abbott, Samuel W., Boston,			1
Acker, Finley, Philadelphia,	1		
Adam, Robert B.,	1		
Albert, King of Saxony,	1		
Alexander, Hon. DeAlva S.,	3	1	
Almy, Francis,		25	
American Anti-Imperialist League,		7	
American Anti-Vivisection Society,		1	
American Baptist Home Mission Society,		1	
American Federation of Labor,		1	
American Humane Association,		1	
American Institute of Electrical Engineers,	1		
American Institute of Homœopathy,	1		
American Institute of Mining Engineers,	1		
American-Irish Historical Society,	1		
Amherst College,	1		
Arizona, Governor,		1	
Arkansas, Bureau of Mines, Manufacturers and Agriculture,		5	
Art Students' League,		1	
Association of American Medical Colleges,	1		
Babcock, Stephen, New York,	1		
Balch, Edwin S., Philadelphia,	1		
Balch, Thomas Willing, Philadelphia,	1		
Baltimore, City Librarian,	1		
Barber, Edwin AtLee, West Chester, Pa.,		1	
Barnard College,		1	
Barnes, William A., Boston,		1	
Barton, Rev. Wm. E., Oak Park, Ill.,		12	
Beer, William, New Orleans,		1	
Bibliothèque de l'Université Royale de Norvège, Chris- tiania, Norway,	1		
Bishop, Irving P.,		2	
Blaauw, Dr. E. E.,		2	
Blue Anchor Society,		1	
Bollack, Léon, Paris,		1	
Boston, Children's Institutions Department,		1	

	Vol.	Pamp.
Boston Book Company,		4
Boston, Children's Aid Society,		1
Boston, Industrial Aid Society,		3
Briggs, Mary J.,		3
Brinley, Charles A.,	5	
Brockport, State Normal School,		1
Brooklyn, Polytechnic Institute,		1
Brown, Goodwin, Albany,		1
Brown, Walter L.,	1	8
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The Board has adopted and presents as its report to your Honorable Body the reports to itself of its Treasurer, Mr. William P. Reed, and its Superintendent and Secretary, Mr. H. L. Elmendorf.

The Treasurer's report consists of a statement, in tabular form, of all receipts from whatever source, and of all expenditures for the period beginning January 1st and ending December 31, 1901, and is a transcript from his very clear and business-like books.

Appended to this report is a certificate from Mr. William D. Ingersoll, registered accountant, that the Treasurer's books and vouchers for the period covered have been carefully examined and are found correct. This financial statement shows a balance of \$672.87, which means that the Board has carefully planned its expenditures to fall within its income, as it considers itself in honesty bound to do, although in many directions have come opportunities for wider work, which could not, in consequence, be undertaken.

The report of the Superintendent gives, in lucid, accurate and condensed form, the details of the work of the different departments of the Library. It is the account of a busy year of quiet work, without sensational features. That the excitements and occupations of an exposition year did not lower its circulation more than 14,785 is a tribute to the hold of the Library upon the interest of the citizens.

The same crowded conditions prevail throughout the building as were reported last year, but the prospect of relief, by the moving of the other semi-public institutions which have been housed in the building into buildings of their own, is near. The refitting of these rooms will, however, be a very great drain upon the income of the Library.

The Superintendent is most anxious to bring the Library into closer touch with the more isolated parts of the city by means of

branches which shall be stocked with adequate supplies of good, wholesome and attractive books. It is nearly as impossible to supply the reading needs of a great city from a central library alone as it would be to educate its children by a central school. The same problems of congestion are met with.

An opportunity to supply the needs of a very important part of the city without expense or burden to taxpayers is within the immediate power of your Honorable Body. It needs only that you shall order the sale of the Jubilee Water Works property and apply the proceeds to the purpose, as directed by the Enabling Act of the Legislature. The Board of Directors respectfully urges upon your Honorable Body that immediate steps be taken, with that end in view.

The Board of Directors also respectfully urges that every member of your Honorable Body read these reports of its officers, that you may be fully informed of the extent and importance of the work of the Library, and thus be the better prepared to vote the necessary income for its maintenance. Although the Board believes that it could wisely and usefully expend a much larger sum, in view of the great demands upon the income of the city, it restricts its request to the same amount that it has for several years received, namely, four-fifths of four one-hundredths of one per cent. of the assessed valuation of the city.

For the Board of Directors,

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE L. WILLIAMS,
President.

Buffalo, January 24, 1902.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Statement of the Treasurer of the Buffalo Public Library from January 1, 1901, to January 1, 1902.

RECEIPTS.

Balance, January 1, 1901,	\$ 629.03
City of Buffalo,	78,647.70
Interest from Buffalo Library permanent fund, . . .	4,756.09
Fines, etc.,	3,443.91
State of New York,	100.00
School fund,	999.15
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	\$88,575.88

EXPENDITURES.

Books,	\$18,432.24
Periodicals,	1,821.09
Binding,	6,391.42
Printing,	638.30
Library supplies,	1,118.45
Fuel,	2,140.19
Light,	3,082.26
Insurance,	837.18
Building,	4,461.33
Miscellaneous,	2,647.67
Salaries: Library employees,	38,518.06
" Building " 	5,706.49
Delivery stations,	983.02
Branches,	1,125.31
Balance, January 1, 1902,	672.87
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	\$88,575.88

WILLIAM P. REED, *Treasurer.*

BUFFALO, Jan. 22, 1902.

I have examined the books and vouchers of Mr. William P. Reed, Treasurer of the Buffalo Public Library, and find the same to be correct. The examination covers the period from January 1, 1901, to January 1, 1902.

WILLIAM D. INGERSOLL,
Accountant and Auditor.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE BUFFALO PUBLIC LIBRARY :

Gentlemen,—I have the honor to present the fifth annual report of the Superintendent of the Buffalo Public Library, covering the year 1901, the sixty-sixth year since the founding of the Buffalo Library.

The annual meeting of the heads of departments was held January 9, 1902. At this meeting, each assistant in charge of a department presented a written report to the Superintendent. The reports then presented form the basis of this report, and are filed among the permanent records of the Library.

REGISTRATION.

The total number of borrowers' cards in force at the end of the year was 58,239. Under the re-registration plan adopted by the Board, 30,000 cards were made to expire January 1, 1901. 6,710 of these were renewed in 1900, and 6,008 during the past year. This would leave about 18,000 people who registered when the Library first opened who have allowed their cards to expire without renewing.

During the past year 14,652 people have registered and taken out cards who never had them before. This shows a remarkable increase in the clientage of the Library. The system of allowing no card to remain in force for more than three years will be continued and all cards issued in 1898 made to expire January 1, 1902, with the exception of cards issued to life members of the Buffalo Library, which are unlimited in time.

(See Appendix A.)

CONTENTS OF LIBRARY.

The last report showed a total of bound volumes in the permanent collection of the Library, January 1, 1901,	160,183
Added by purchase,	17,575
Added by gift,	1,213
Added by binding,	659
Added by exchange,	4
Recovered, formerly reported as lost,	14
Total additions,	19,465

Deductions — charged but not returned,	130
Lost in 1898–1901,	790
Lost and paid for,	107
Reported lost, but not yet paid for, . .	7
Withdrawn from children's reading room,	60
Worn out and withdrawn,	8,826
Total withdrawals,	9,920
Net additions,	9,545
Total permanent collection,	169,728
Directories temporarily placed,	97
Duplicate collection, not catalogued and not in use, . . .	1,847
Children's picture books,	4,166
Total bound volumes, January 1, 1902,	175,838
Maps and plans,	953
Coast survey charts,	553
Sheet music,	7,906

When the Library was made free in March, 1897, it received from the Buffalo Library a total of bound volumes of 84,773. As you will see by the above table, the Library has more than doubled in less than five years, notwithstanding the fact of the great number of books noted as worn out and withdrawn. The losses noted cover a period of three years, and the figures are the result of a complete inventory.

(See Appendix B.)

CIRCULATION.

Total circulation for home use,	966,450
Largest number in one day,	5,847
Smallest number in one day,	1,370
Days open,	303
Daily average,	3,189
Percentage of fiction, including children's stories, . .	.656

(See Appendix C.)

The total circulation shows a decrease of 14,785 from the year before. This is a very small reduction when the distractions of Pan-American year are considered. The three days when the circulating department was closed, on account of special celebrations at our great fair and the respect to our lamented President's death, are alone nearly sufficient to account for the deficiency. The Pan-American

had, however, a greater effect on our circulation than the small falling off would indicate, for if we analyze the figures, they show that the circulation at the main Library, which would be most affected by the Exposition and its attractions, fell off 68,275, while the outside agencies, such as schools, branches and the like, made a net gain of 53,490. The percentage of fiction read is about as I would have it. The figures show a reduction from .671 to .656. This has been through no special effort to reduce the number of books of fiction read, as there has been no such effort. There has been an effort to improve the class of reading, and particularly to improve the grade of fiction read.

OPEN-SHELF DEPARTMENT.

This continues to be one of the distinctive features of our Library, and one of the most satisfactory. The statistics show 17,456 books assigned to the department, but the number is variable, as the selection is constantly changed, the average number of volumes used here being 18,000. The circulation for home use was 240,188, giving an average turnover of more than thirteen times for every volume. The work is much hampered for want of room, as at present there is not space enough for readers, nor are there shelves enough for books. In the fall, the books selected for the 8th and 9th grades were removed to the children's room, the experiment not proving a success as an introduction to the general collection. The books for young people, which were formerly shelved together, have been distributed and discontinued as a separate collection, for the same reason.

The display at different times of a lot of books upon a definite subject upon special shelves has always awakened interest in the subject and increased the circulation of these special books. The books on the open shelves are all selected, recommended books, and it would seem to prove that all a good book needs in the way of recommendation is to put it where it can make its own attractions felt, that is, where people can see it, handle and examine it for themselves.

(See Appendix D.)

CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT.

The books in the Children's Room now number 7,762, and the circulation was 84,425.

(See Appendix E.)

This is about sixteen thousand less than last year, accounted for very largely from the increased circulation through schools. The inside work of the department has been very gratifying. The books are selected with great care, all new books being read before they are admitted to the shelves. The fiction per cent. of books drawn is only .58, seven per cent. less than that of the entire Library, and this is the more remarkable, as all books are on open shelves and the children choose them for themselves.

The bulletins and exhibitions in connection with the books and with required studies in the schools have been markedly successful. One of the most interesting exhibits was a collection of scissors pictures loaned us by Mr. Charles B. Wheeler. They so impressed one boy that he tried to make silhouette pictures in Mr. Wheeler's style, and succeeded so well that he exhibited his pictures to show what boys could do. He has since progressed, taking up manual training, designing for carpentry, wrought iron and wood work, and is now a student in the Art League. A silk-worm bulletin was put up when the 7th grade children were studying the silk industry. One pupil, who was actually adverse to writing the required composition, chanced to see the bulletin and had her interest so awakened that she was prompted to write a composition which was sent to the Pan-American Exposition as a model.

The Saturday morning story hour was discontinued during the summer, when there were so many out-door attractions that the attendance fell off, but has now been resumed at the request of the children, and we again have crowded houses.

REFERENCE DEPARTMENT.

The total number of books now on the open shelves of the Reference Department is 2,090. No record is kept of the use of the books which belong in the reference room. The number brought by the attendants from the stack for reference use was 39,488, an increase of 2,222 over the previous year. The crowded condition that I have been obliged to report for two years continues and grows worse. The work of the department is seriously hampered for lack of room.

PERIODICAL DEPARTMENT.

The total number of periodicals taken is now 292, about the same as last year, although some changes have been made, some dropped and others added.

(See Appendix F.)

The exhibition of a small collection of books suitable for Christmas gifts was continued this year and attracted the usual attention.

NEWSPAPER DEPARTMENT.

We take fifty-seven out-of-town papers, thirty-seven daily and twenty weekly, and sixteen local papers, eleven daily and five weekly.

(See Appendix G.)

The use of the newspaper room was largely increased by the Exposition, as many visitors came there to see their home papers.

CATALOGUE DEPARTMENT.

During the year, 19,465 volumes and 1,691 pamphlets have been classified, catalogued and added to the Library. Gifts of 1,120 volumes and 1,893 pamphlets have been received and acknowledged. 40,600 cards were added to the dictionary catalogue, which now comprises about 116,000 cards, and includes a complete catalogue of the main classes, Natural Sciences, Fine Arts, Useful Arts, and the sub-classes of Bibliography, Economics, Education, Political Science, History of North and South America and Oceanica, general European History, the History of Scotland, of Ireland and that of England well under way. Besides these full classes, the catalogue is complete on all books added since August 1, 1898, when the work was commenced. We are now receiving the printed cards of the Library of Congress, so far as we can use them. The cards supplied are for new books and for those the Library of Congress is recataloguing. Since the first cards came, November 26th, we have received 1,338 cards, at a cost of \$11.16. It is impossible yet to estimate the exact saving in money, but we know already that it is considerable, and the amount saved will increase as the system is perfected.

We have printed seven lists of additions, including one of German books.

BINDING.

Total number of volumes bound,	18,524
Magazines bound in boards,	1,632
Magazines, pamphlets and record books bound in manila, .	1,694
Total cost of binding,	\$6,391.42

STAFF.

There have been many changes in the staff, but the high grade of efficiency has been maintained. Vacancies have been filled, as far as

possible, by promotion. Assistants exhibit a spirit of helpfulness to each other and an ambition for usefulness which it is very pleasant to report.

(See Appendix H.)

SCHOOLS.

At the opening of the school year in September, we added four new schools, making a total of thirty-three now under our care for their library books. In the first four months these schools circulated 16,198 books. We now have thirty-three schools, with 532 separate class-room libraries, using in all 25,114 books. The circulation for home use was 233,102, an increase of 39,957 over the previous year, and an increase of 23,759, without counting the circulation of the new schools.

(See Appendix J.)

The graded list of the books used in these school libraries has been revised after an experience of four years. A subject index has been prepared, the subject headings of which represent principally the teachers' demand for information and supplementary reading in certain lines of their work. This new catalogue is now ready for printing, and will be issued at once.

Two of our school libraries were exhibited at the Pan-American Exposition by the School Department, as part of the educational system of the city. This is the only exhibit the Library made, because proper space was refused.

I believe that this work in the schools is as valuable, if not the most valuable, that the Library does, and its direct influence upon the intellectual and ethical improvement of the city can hardly be overestimated. I recommend that the work be extended as fast as the resources of the Library will permit, until all the sixty-one schools in the city are supplied with libraries in every class-room.

Besides the class-room libraries in the grammar schools, we have a delivery system in the Central and Masten Park High Schools. An assistant goes to the schools each morning before school hours to receive books returned and take requests for books wanted. A delivery is made each day at the close of school. In this way, 18,038 books were circulated, making a grand total of books circulated through the schools of more than a quarter of a million of books, or to be exact, 251,140. From reports that come to me from other libraries, it would appear that we easily lead all in this department of our work.

TRAVELING LIBRARIES.

We sent out during the year eighty-four traveling libraries, or 2,482 books, distributed as follows :

32 Fire houses.

6 Police stations.

5 Hospitals, for use of the staff.

10 Clubs and Societies.

21 Teachers or schools outside of those regularly supplied by the Library.

The circulation was registered as 6,447, but this does not represent the true use, as most of the libraries were for reference use only, and did not circulate.

(See Appendix K.)

DELIVERY STATIONS.

One new station was opened during the year, located at the corner of Seneca and Durstein streets. This makes eight in all. The circulation for the year was 50,650, a gain of 3,902 over the previous year, about representing the use of the new station. There is a demand for other stations, which it has not been thought possible to meet as yet, on account of the expense of delivery to the remote parts of the city.

(See Appendix L.)

BRANCHES.

Westminster Branch, No. 421 Monroe Street.—We have here a collection of 575 books, and the library is open one evening a week, under the care of two of our regular assistants. The total circulation for the year was 9,974, a remarkable number for the few books employed and the short time the branch is open.

Welcome Hall Branch, Seneca Street.—Here we have about 600 books, and the total circulation was 5,900. During the greater part of the year the branch was open one afternoon and one evening, only, each week. In my last report, I was obliged to note great difficulty in maintaining order here. This, I am happy to say, is greatly improved, from two causes : First, we have abandoned the reading-room idea, and the children are admitted to choose their books only, and take them away. It was found impossible to keep sixty or seventy children in order in one small room, and it came to a question of taking care of children or doing library work. Second,

we have withdrawn the male assistant the boys liked to annoy, and let two young women take charge. The boys have a great respect for the young women, and behave much better.

William Ives Branch, 746 Broadway.—This is the first real branch the Library has had, although we have called the two small collections of books noted above by that name. Upon my earnest recommendation, the Board rented the lower floor of the building at 746 Broadway, and fitted it up at an expense of about \$500 for shelving and furniture, for our first real branch. Here we placed 3,000 books, partly new and partly from the main Library collection, including all our books in the Polish language, as the branch was more conveniently located for our Polish readers than the main Library. This branch the Board named the William Ives Branch, after our Librarian, in recognition of his fifty years of faithful service. The branch was opened August 8th, and its success has more than met our expectations. The branch library hours are from two to nine o'clock P. M. every week day. It was found necessary to limit the hours for the children from 2 to 6.30, as they simply thronged the place in the evening, to the exclusion of older persons. The circulation for home use to November 24, 1901, was 15,069. On the date named we thought it best to close the branch for a time, on account of an epidemic in the neighborhood. This may have been an unnecessary precaution, but many of those who came to the branch lived in the district affected, and it was thought best to err, if at all, on the safe side. We hope to be able to open again in a very short time.

The rent of this building is \$20 a month, and the rooms in the rear are occupied by a family who do the janitor work for their house rent. These rooms will serve for some time, but before many years the library should have its own building in the near neighborhood of its present modest quarters.

Other parts of the city are clamoring for branch libraries, particularly South Park and Black Rock. I hope it will be possible to open at least one more branch this year. The Library can make no great extension out of its present income, but it can rent and stock at least one more small branch, similar to the one that has proved so successful, trusting to increased appropriations, or the gifts of individuals, to provide suitable branch buildings in the future. Such buildings would make a more lasting and beautiful memorial than any marble shaft.

LIBRARY RECEIPTS.

Fines,	\$2,951.21
Catalogues sold,	68.14
Reserve postal cards,	287.50
Lost books,	57.39
Miscellaneous,	79.67
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	\$3,443.91

GENERAL.

The Library is at present overcrowded in almost every department, and, were it not for the prospect of speedy relief, this would be a very serious matter. The societies which have occupied rooms in the Library building ever since it was built are one by one acquiring buildings of their own. The Historical Society will soon move to its beautiful new home in the Park, and we will have the use of the third story. These rooms will not be so convenient for our present needs as some others, but as the Society of Natural Sciences, which occupies the basement, is willing to make any reasonable arrangement for our mutual advantage, it is possible that some plan can be devised to give us almost immediate possession of such room in the basement as will give us space for much-needed work rooms.

The great improvement will, of course, come when the Fine Arts Academy and the Society of Artists move to the Albright Art Gallery, and we can extend our reading room and open shelves to our present reference room. It will also give us a new catalogue room, one of the improvements most needed.

The pressure for shelf room was somewhat relieved by adding shelving for 16,000 volumes, but we will welcome more room in this department also. The expense of refitting the building to meet these changes will be considerable.

I make grateful acknowledgment to the press of the city for its hearty support of the work of the Library. All the papers, English, German and Polish, have printed our news, and by kind words of interest and appreciation aided our work.

We have every prospect of a busy and useful year.

Thanking you, gentlemen, for your hearty support and coöperation, I remain,

With great respect,

H. L. ELMENDORF,

Superintendent.

APPENDIX A.

Registration.

Number of registered borrowers, January 1, 1901, . . . 65,803

Registered during 1901 :

New registration :

Over 14 years,	11,536	
Under 14 years,	3,116	
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Total,		14,652

Renewals :

Over 14 years,	5,650	
Under 14 years,	358	
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Total,		6,008
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Total number cards issued,		20,660
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		86,463

Cancelled cards :

Cancelled by renewal :

Over 14 years,	5,650	
Under 14 years,	358	
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Total,		6,008

Cancelled for other reasons :

Over 14 years,	17,634	
Under 14 years,	4,582	
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Total,		22,216
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Total cancellations,		28,224
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Total cards in force January 1, 1902,		58,239

APPENDIX B.

Classified Contents of the Library.

	Net additions, Jan. 1, 1901, to Jan. 1, 1902.	Per cent.	Books, Totals, Jan. 1, 1902.	Per cent.	Pamphlets, Totals, Jan. 1, 1902.	Gross additions, 1901.	Per cent.
General Works,	219	.023	10,021	.059	2,450	221	.012
Philosophy,	100	.010	2,554	.015	329	111	.006
Religion, fairy and folk tales, .	827	.086	9,886	.058	687	1,503	.078
Sociology,	1,344	.140	17,644	.104	4,865	1,595	.082
Philology,	80	.008	922	.005	47	80	.004
Natural science,	471	.049	10,156	.060	656	699	.036
Useful arts,	441	.046	7,202	.043	1,559	509	.026
Fine arts,	440	.046	5,654	.033	416	511	.026
Literature,	2,551	.266	19,477	.114	222	3,511	.180
Prose fiction,	1,467	.153	48,950	.289	.....	8,403	.432
History,	702	.073	16,703	.099	826	1,050	.054
Travel,	451	.047	9,189	.054	322	637	.032
Biography,	422	.044	9,859	.058	646	531	.027
Local history and literature, .	90	.009	1,511	.009	2,976	90	.005
Totals,	9,605		169,728		16,001	19,451	
Withdrawals from children's reading room,	60	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Net additions, January 1, 1901, to January 1, 1902,	9,545						
Duplicate volumes not cata- logued and not in use, . . .	.....	.....	1,847	.....	.....	.....	.....
Children's picture books, . .	.....	.....	4,166	.....	.....	.....	.....
Directories, temporarily placed,	.....	.....	97	.....	.....	.....	.....
Grand total books, January 1, 1902,			175,838				

APPENDIX C.
Circulation by Classes.

1901.	Jan.	Feb.	March.	April.	May.	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Totals.	Per Cent.
Magazines,	1,196	1,326	1,532	1,327	1,305	1,142	1,228	1,262	1,232	1,259	1,439	1,282	15,530	.016
Philosophy,	631	683	794	591	498	555	480	547	502	623	682	528	7,114	.007
Religion, .	814	811	1,040	718	563	449	468	497	463	548	725	591	7,687	.008
Sociology,	1,462	1,521	1,644	1,201	1,031	803	588	656	1,145	1,461	1,362	1,167	14,041	.015
Philology,	136	128	157	112	99	88	105	102	96	131	163	128	1,445	.001
Science, .	3,654	3,222	4,499	3,277	3,105	1,330	1,121	1,204	3,743	4,180	3,572	3,373	36,280	.037
Useful Arts,	1,859	1,802	2,126	1,519	1,225	922	892	1,077	1,389	1,695	1,640	1,565	17,711	.018
Fine Arts,	1,585	1,465	1,897	1,315	1,002	830	819	847	932	1,236	1,441	1,575	14,944	.015
Literature,	9,515	8,436	11,918	9,343	9,414	4,234	3,336	3,379	9,588	13,133	11,785	16,276	104,357	.108
History, .	5,316	5,658	6,471	4,677	4,151	2,314	1,766	2,029	4,814	5,304	5,414	4,412	52,326	.054
Travel, .	3,641	3,600	4,315	3,049	2,788	1,474	1,259	1,402	2,928	3,446	3,388	3,135	34,425	.035
Biography,	2,506	2,821	3,275	2,302	2,061	1,115	1,029	1,149	2,339	2,623	2,569	2,273	26,062	.030
Fiction,	60,414	58,043	70,020	55,521	51,875	34,478	34,618	36,686	53,033	62,693	62,152	54,995	634,528	.656
Total,	92,729	89,516	109,688	84,952	79,117	49,734	47,709	50,837	82,204	98,332	96,332	85,300	966,450	1.000
Days open,	26	23	26	26	25	25	26	27	23	26	25	25	303	
Daily average,	3,566	3,891	4,103	3,267	3,164	1,989	1,834	1,845	3,574	3,782	3,853	3,412	3,189	
Largest day,	4,241	5,847	5,286	3,628	3,268	3,302	2,488	2,570	2,974	2,976	3,970	3,719	5,847	
Smallest day,	2,022	2,382	1,794	1,695	1,618	1,295	1,443	1,370	1,468	1,437	1,920	1,682	1,370	

APPENDIX B.

CHANGES IN THE LIBRARY.

	Net additions, Jan. 1, 1901, to Jan. 1, 1902.	Per cent.	Books, Total, Jan. 1, 1902.	Per cent.	Pamphlets, Total, Jan. 1, 1902.	Gross additions, 1901.	Per cent.
Books	10,021	.059	2,450		221	.012	
Pamphlets	2,554	.015	329		111	.006	
Periodicals	9,886	.058	687		1,503	.078	
Manuscripts	17,644	.104	4,865		1,596	.082	
Maps	922	.005	47		80	.004	
Photographs	10,156	.060	656		699	.036	
Other	7,302	.043	1,559		509	.026	
Total	5,654	.033	416		511	.026	
Books	19,477	.114	222		3,511	.180	
Pamphlets	4,950	.029	826		8,403	.432	
Periodicals	16,703	.099	322		1,050	.054	
Manuscripts	9,189	.054	646		637	.032	
Maps	9,859	.058	2,976		531	.027	
Photographs	1,511	.009	16,001		90	.005	
Other	163,728		19,451				
Total	9,505						
Books	60						
Pamphlets							
Periodicals							
Manuscripts							
Maps							
Photographs							
Other							
Total	9,545						
Books	1,847						
Pamphlets	4,166						
Periodicals	97						
Manuscripts							
Maps							
Photographs							
Other							
Total	175,838						
Grand total books, January 1, 1902.							

APPENDIX C.
Circulation by Departments.

1901.	Desk.	Open Shelf.	Children's Room.	Grammar Schools.	Stations.	High Schools.	Westminster House.	Welcome Hall.	Wm. Ives Branch.	Total Branches.	Travelling Libraries.	Totals.	Reference Room.
January,	28,080	26,698	8,305	21,624	4,092	1,195	1,037	945	.....	1,982	753	92,729	4,431
February,	27,911	25,827	8,890	19,068	3,722	1,790	1,219	915	.....	2,134	234	89,516	4,037
March,	30,996	27,895	10,884	29,099	4,431	2,823	1,213	1,140	.....	2,353	1,207	109,688	4,416
April,	24,908	20,816	8,138	21,331	4,651	2,198	1,383	801	.....	2,184	726	84,952	3,416
May,	22,148	18,108	6,551	22,024	4,125	2,473	1,231	508	.....	1,739	1,949	79,117	3,653
June,	18,658	15,555	6,065	2,633	4,208	1,056	912	284	.....	1,196	363	49,734	3,043
July,	19,539	16,545	6,473	.....	4,211	.....	807	134	.....	941	.....	47,709	2,034
August,	19,856	16,795	6,300	.....	4,627	.....	608	148	2,503	3,259	.....	50,837	2,028
September,	42,620	14,328	4,103	12,738	3,815	616	375	141	3,468	3,984	.....	82,204	2,405
October,	20,867	16,538	5,018	43,849	4,184	1,950	320	196	4,739	5,255	671	98,332	2,901
November,	23,657	20,356	6,835	33,475	4,392	2,056	370	330	4,317	5,017	544	96,332	3,665
December,	23,459	20,727	6,923	27,261	4,192	1,881	499	358	.....	857	.....	85,300	3,459
Totals,	302,699	240,188	84,425	238,102	50,650	18,038	9,974	5,900	15,027	30,901	6,447	966,450	39,488

APPENDIX C.

Circulation — Comparative Statement.

	1897.	1898.	1899.	1900.	1901.
January,		79,205	73,083	92,515	92,729
February,		78,106	75,082	90,390	89,516
March,		80,591	86,244	108,432	109,688
April,		67,543	71,744	83,814	84,952
May,		53,612	63,526	76,009	79,117
June,		48,156	53,037	56,951	49,734
July,		46,767	53,753	51,869	47,709
August,		52,700	55,947	52,834	50,837
September,	44,392	52,190	85,870	83,828	82,204
October,	68,877	70,670	92,487	99,341	98,332
November,	76,571	71,201	94,327	95,204	96,332
December,	72,392	67,287	82,586	90,048	85,300
Totals,	262,232	768,028	887,686	981,235	966,450

APPENDIX D.

Classified Table of Books in Open-shelf Room.

ENGLISH.

General works,	4
Philosophy,	225
Religion,	267
Sociology,	699
Philology,	24
Science,	803
Useful arts,	437
Fine arts,	307
Literature,	674
History,	1,130
Travel,	687
Biography,	945
Fiction,	8,753
Total,	14,955

GERMAN.

Philosophy,	. . . . .	1	
Religion,	. . . . .	1	
Sociology,	. . . . .	6	
Useful arts,	. . . . .	4	
Fine arts,	. . . . .	1	
Literature,	. . . . .	61	
History,	. . . . .	30	
Travel,	. . . . .	38	
Biography,	. . . . .	23	
Fiction,	. . . . .	630	
Total,	. . . . .		795

FRENCH.

Literature,	. . . . .	22	
History,	. . . . .	1	
Travel,	. . . . .	5	
Biography,	. . . . .	8	
Fiction,	. . . . .	26	
Total,	. . . . .		62
Bound Magazines,	. . . . .	234	
Current numbers of magazines,	. . . . .	342	
Total,	. . . . .		576

NEW BOOKS — TEMPORARILY PLACED.

Classed,	. . . . .	512	
Fiction,	. . . . .	556	
Total,	. . . . .		1,068
Grand Total,	. . . . .		17,456

APPENDIX E.

Classified Table of Books in Children's Room.

General works,	1	
Philosophy, ethics,	20	
Religion,	32	
Fairy and folk tales,	243	
Sociology,	195	
Science,	654	
Useful arts,	216	
Fine arts,	174	
Literature,	938	
History,	827	
Travel,	476	
Biography,	323	
Fiction,	<u>3,442</u>	
		7,541
Picture books,		161
Total, for circulation,		<u>7,702</u>
Reference books,		60
Total,		<u>7,762</u>

APPENDIX F.

Periodicals.

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| *Académe, <i>w.</i> | American Microscopical Journal, |
| Academy, <i>w.</i> | <i>m.</i> |
| American Academy of Political | American Monthly Magazine, <i>m.</i> |
| and Social Science, Publica- | American Monthly Review of |
| tions, <i>numbered series.</i> | Reviews, <i>m.</i> |
| American Antiquarian, <i>bi-m.</i> | *American Mother, <i>m.</i> |
| American Architect, Interna- | American Naturalist, <i>m.</i> |
| tional ed., <i>w.</i> | American Philosophical Society, |
| American Catholic Historical So- | Proceedings, <i>numbered series.</i> |
| cietv Records, <i>q.</i> | American Statistical Association |
| American Catholic Review, <i>q.</i> | Papers, <i>irregular.</i> |
| American Chemical Journal, <i>m.</i> | Annals of the American Academy |
| American Economic Association | of Political and Social Science, |
| Papers, <i>irregular.</i> | <i>bi-m.</i> |
| American Historical Review, <i>q.</i> | Antiquary, <i>m.</i> |
| *American Homes, <i>m.</i> | *Architectural Record, <i>q.</i> |
| American Institute of Electrical | Architectural Review, <i>m.</i> |
| Engineers, Transactions, <i>m.</i> | Architects' and Builders' Maga- |
| *American Investments, <i>m.</i> | zine, <i>m.</i> |
| American Journal of Archæology, | Arena, <i>m.</i> |
| <i>q.</i> | Army and Navy Journal, <i>w.</i> |
| American Journal of Mathemat- | Art Interchange, <i>m.</i> |
| ics, <i>q.</i> | Art Journal, <i>m.</i> |
| American Journal of Morphology, | Artist, <i>m.</i> |
| <i>irregular.</i> | Athenæum, <i>w.</i> |
| American Journal of Nursing, <i>m.</i> | Atlantic Monthly, <i>m.</i> |
| American Journal of Philology, | Auk, <i>q.</i> |
| <i>irregular.</i> | Babyhood, <i>m.</i> |
| American Journal of Psychology, | Bankers' Magazine, <i>m.</i> |
| <i>q.</i> | *Beet Sugar Gazette, <i>m.</i> |
| American Journal of Science, <i>m.</i> | Biblical World, <i>m.</i> |
| American Journal of Sociology, | Bird-Lore, <i>bi-m.</i> |
| <i>bi-m.</i> | Birds, <i>m.</i> |
| American Machinist, <i>w.</i> | Black and White, <i>w.</i> |

* Gift.

- Blackwood's Magazine, *m.*
 Book Buyer, *m.*
 Bookman, *m.*
 Book News, *m.*
 *Book Reviews, *m.*
 Brick Builder, *m.*
 Brochure Series, *m.*
 *Buffalo Medical Journal, *m.*
 *Bulletin Continental, Le, *m.*
 *Bulletin of Labor Statistics of
 New York, *q.*
 Bulletin of the American Geo-
 graphical Society, *five times a*
 year.
 *Bulletin, Y. M. C. A., *m.*
 *Calendar, *m.*
 California Municipalities, *m.*
 *Calvary S. S. Torch, *m.*
 Canadian Magazine, *m.*
 Cassier's Magazine, *m.*
 Catholic University Bulletin, *q.*
 Catholic World, *m.*
 Century, *m.*
 Chambers's Journal, *m.*
 Charities Review, *m.*
 Chautauquan, *m.*
 Child Garden, *m.*
 *Christian Science Journal, *m.*
 *Christian Science Sentinel, *w.*
 Churchman, *w.*
 Church Work, *f.*
 City and State, *w.*
 Collier's Weekly, *w.*
 *Consular Reports, *m.*
 Contemporary Review, *m.*
 *Cook's Excursionist, *m.*
 Cornhill Magazine, *m.*
 Cosmopolitan, *m.*
 Country Life in America, *m.*
 *Criterion, *w.*
 Critic, *m.*
 Cumulative Index, *m.*
 Current History, *m.*
 Current Literature, *m.*
 Deutsche Litteratur Zeitung, *w.*
 Deutsche Rundschau, *m.*
 Dial, *f.*
 *Dixie, *m.*
 Dublin Review, *q.*
 Eclectic Magazine, *m.*
 Economic Journal, *q.*
 Economist, *w.*
 Edinburgh Review, *q.*
 Education, *m.*
 Educational Review, *m.*
 *Educator, *m.*
 Electrical Review, *w.*
 Electrical World, *w.*
 Engineering, *w.*
 Engineering and Mining Journal,
 w.
 Engineering Magazine, *m.*
 Engineering News, *w.*
 Engineering Record, *w.*
 English Catalogue, *m.*
 English Historical Review, *q.*
 English Illustrated Magazine, *m.*
 Essex Antiquarian, *m.*
 Etude, *m.*
 Evangelist, *w.*
 *Flaming Sword, *w.*
 Forester, *m.*
 Fortnightly Review, *m.*
 Forum, *m.*
 *Fraternal Monitor, *m.*
 *Free Russia, *m.*
 Gartenlaube, *f.*
 Gentleman's Magazine, *m.*

* Gift.

- Geographical Journal, *m*.
 Geological Magazine, *m*.
 Graphic, *w*.
 Great Round World, *w*.
 Harper's Bazar, *m*.
 Harper's Monthly, *m*.
 Harper's Weekly, *w*.
 *Hartford Seminary Record, *q*.
 *Health Department Monthly Report, *m*.
 *Herald of the Golden Age, *m*.
 Illustrated London News, *w*.
 Illustration, L', *w*.
 Illustrierte Zeitung, *w*.
 Independent, *w*.
 Inland Architect, *m*.
 International Journal of Ethics, *q*.
 International Monthly, *m*.
 International Studio, *m*.
 *Johns Hopkins University Circular, *irregular*.
 Johns Hopkins University Studies in Historical and Political Science, *numbered series*.
 Journal of American Folk Lore, *q*.
 Journal of Education, *w*.
 Journal of Franklin Institute, *m*.
 Journal of Geology, *m*.
 Journal of Political Economy, *q*.
 Journal of the American Chemical Society, *m*.
 *Journal of the Association of Engineering Societies, *m*.
 Journal of the Institution of Electrical Engineers, *irregular*.
 *Journal of the N. Y. Entomological Society, *q*.
 Journal of the Royal Statistical Society, *q*.
 Journal of the Society of Chemical Industry, *m*.
 Journal of the Western Society of Engineers, *bi-m*.
 *Journal of Zoöphily, *m*.
 Judge, *w*.
 Kindergarten Magazine, *m*.
 Knowledge, *m*.
 Ladies' Home Journal, *m*.
 *Le Couteulx Leader, *w*.
 Library, *q*.
 Library Journal, *m*.
 Library World, *m*.
 Life, *w*.
 Lippincott's Magazine, *m*.
 Literary News, *m*.
 Literary World, *m*.
 Littell's Living Age, *w*.
 Litterarische Echo, Das, *f*.
 Little Folks, *m*.
 *Locomotive, *m*.
 Locomotive Engineering, *m*.
 McClure's Magazine, *m*.
 Macmillan's Magazine, *m*.
 Magazine of Art, *m*.
 Manual Training Magazine, *q*.
 Marine Review, *w*.
 *Masten Park Chronicle, *q*.
 Mind, *q*.
 *Mines and Minerals, *m*.
 *Mining and Engineer Review, *m*.
 Missionary Review, *m*.
 Modern Language Association of America Publications, *q*.
 Mon Journal, *w*.
 Monist, *q*.

* Gift.

- *Monthly Bulletin of the Bureau
 of American Republics, *m.*
 Monthly Cumulative Book In-
 dex, *m.*
 Monthly Review, *m.*
 Municipal Affairs, *q.*
 Municipal Engineering, *m.*
 Munsey's Magazine, *m.*
 Music, *m.*
 Nation, *w.*
 National Review, *m.*
 *National Single Taxer, *m.*
 Nature, *w.*
 New England Historical and
 Genealogical Register, *q.*
 New England Magazine, *m.*
 *New Voice, *w.*
 New York Genealogical and Bio-
 graphical Record, *q.*
 *Newspaper Maker, *w.*
 Nineteenth Century, *m.*
 North American Review, *m.*
 Notes and Queries, *w.*
 Observatory, *m.*
 *Odd Fellows' Magazine, *m.*
 *Official Gazette of the U. S.
 Patent Office, *w.*
 Open Court, *m.*
 *Open Window, *m.*
 *Our Record, *m.*
 Outing, *m.*
 Outlook, *w.*
 Outlook (English), *w.*
 Overland Monthly, *m.*
 Pall Mall Magazine, *m.*
 Pan-American, *m.*
 *Paradise of the Pacific, *m.*
 Pathfinder, *w.*
 Pedagogical Seminary, *q.*
 *Pediatrics, *m.*
 Pennsylvania Magazine of His-
 tory and Biography, *q.*
 Petermanns Mitteilungen, *m.*
 Petermanns Mitteilungen Er-
 gänzungsheft, *numbered series.*
 Philistine, *m.*
 Philosophical Magazine, *m.*
 Philosophical Review, *bi-m.*
 *Phonetic Journal, *w.*
 Political Science Quarterly, *q.*
 Popular Astronomy, *m.*
 Popular Science, *m.*
 Popular Science Monthly, *m.*
 Postal Record, *m.*
 Power, *m.*
 Printers' Ink, *w.*
 Progress, *m.*
 Psychological Review, *bi-m.*
 Public Libraries, *m.*
 Public Opinion, *w.*
 *Public, The, *w.*
 Publishers' Weekly, *w.*
 Puck, *w.*
 Punch, *w.*
 Quarterly Journal of Economics, *q.*
 Quarterly Review, *q.*
 Records of the Past, *m.*
 Répertoire Bibliographique de la
 Librairie Française, *m.*
 Review of Education, *m.*
 Review of Reviews (English ed.),
m.
 Revue des Deux Mondes, *f.*
 St. Nicholas, *m.*
 Saturday Evening Post, *w.*
 Saturday Review, *w.*
 School Review, *m.*
 Science, *w.*

Science Abstracts, <i>m.</i>	Theosophical Review, <i>m.</i>
Scientific American, <i>w.</i>	Trained Nurse, <i>m.</i>
Scientific American Building Edition, <i>m.</i>	*Triumphs of Faith, <i>m.</i>
Scientific American Supplement, <i>w.</i>	Truth, <i>w.</i>
Scottish Geographical Magazine, <i>m.</i>	Ueber Land und Meer, <i>w.</i>
Scribner's Magazine, <i>m.</i>	*U. S. Labor Department Bulletins, <i>bi-m.</i>
*Search-Light, <i>m.</i>	*U. S. Monthly Weather Review, <i>m.</i>
Social Service, <i>m.</i>	U. S. Naval Institute, Proceedings, <i>q.</i>
Society for Psychical Research, Proceedings, <i>irregular.</i>	U. S. Postal Guide, <i>m.</i>
*Sound Currency, <i>m.</i>	*U. S. Statistical Bureau Monthly Summary, <i>m.</i>
*Southern Letter, <i>m.</i>	*Vassar Miscellany, <i>m.</i>
*Special Consular Reports, <i>numbered series.</i>	*Vegetarian, <i>m.</i>
Spectator, <i>w.</i>	Vom Fels zum Meer, <i>f.</i>
Strand, <i>m.</i>	War Cry, <i>w.</i>
Sunday School Times, <i>w.</i>	Westermann's Monatshefte, <i>m.</i>
*Sunset, <i>m.</i>	Westminster Review, <i>m.</i>
*Technology Review, <i>q.</i>	World's Work, <i>m.</i>
Telephone Magazine, <i>m.</i>	Yale Review, <i>q.</i>
Temple Bar, <i>m.</i>	Young America, <i>m.</i>
Texas State Hist. Ass'n Quarterly, <i>q.</i>	Youth's Companion, <i>w.</i>

SUMMARY.

Monthly,	167
Weekly,	63
Quarterly,	39
Fortnightly,	6
Bi-monthly,	8
Numbered,	5
Irregular,	7
Total,	<hr/> 295

* Gift.

For Circulation.

9 American Monthly Review of Reviews, <i>m.</i>	17 Harper's New Monthly Maga- zine, <i>m.</i>
1 Arena, <i>m.</i>	1 Kindergarten Magazine, <i>m.</i>
1 Ateneum, <i>m.</i>	3 Lippincott's Magazine, <i>m.</i>
5 Atlantic Monthly, <i>m.</i>	4 McClure's Magazine, <i>m.</i>
1 Babyhood, <i>m.</i>	3 Munsey's Magazine, <i>m.</i>
1 Bluszcz, <i>w.</i>	1 Music, <i>m.</i>
1 Bookman, <i>m.</i>	2 New England Magazine, <i>m.</i>
18 Century, <i>m.</i>	2 North American Review, <i>m.</i>
1 Chautauquan, <i>m.</i>	3 Outing, <i>m.</i>
2 Cosmopolitan, <i>m.</i>	1 Outlook, <i>w.</i>
2 Critic, <i>m.</i>	1 Overland Monthly, <i>m.</i>
3 Current Literature, <i>m.</i>	2 Popular Science Monthly, <i>m.</i>
1 Education, <i>m.</i>	17 Scribner's Magazine, <i>m.</i>
1 Educational Review, <i>m.</i>	4 World's Work.
3 Forum, <i>m.</i>	

Total, 29 Magazines, 111 Copies.

In Children's Room.

1 Bird-Lore, <i>bi-m.</i>	3 Little Folks, <i>m.</i>
1 Birds', <i>m.</i>	7 St. Nicholas, <i>m.</i>
2 Child Garden, <i>m.</i>	3 Youth's Companion, <i>w.</i>
1 Harper's Weekly, <i>w.</i>	

Total, 7 Magazines, 18 Copies.

At Monroe Street Branch.

1 Child Garden, <i>m.</i>	1 Puck, <i>w.</i>
1 Harper's Weekly, <i>w.</i>	1 St. Nicholas, <i>m.</i>
1 Little Folks, <i>m.</i>	1 Scribner's Magazine, <i>m.</i>
1 McClure's Magazine, <i>m.</i>	1 Youth's Companion, <i>w.</i>

Total, 8 Magazines, 8 Copies.

William Ives Branch.

1 Ateneum, <i>m.</i>	1 Ksiazka, <i>m.</i>
1 Biesiada Literacka, <i>w.</i>	1 Puck, <i>w.</i>
1 Bluszcz, <i>w.</i>	1 St. Nicholas, <i>m.</i>
1 Harper's Monthly, <i>m.</i>	1 Youth's Companion, <i>w.</i>
1 Harper's Weekly, <i>w.</i>	

Total, 9 Magazines, 9 Copies.

APPENDIX G:

Periodicals in Newspaper Room.

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| Albany Journal, <i>d.</i> | Forest and Stream, <i>w.</i> |
| Atlanta Constitution, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i> | *Gazetta Buffaloska, <i>w.</i> |
| Baltimore American, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i> | Harper's Weekly, <i>w.</i> |
| Boston Journal, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i> | Illinois Staats-Zeitung, <i>d.</i> |
| Boston Transcript, <i>d.</i> | Illustrated London News, <i>w.</i> |
| Brooklyn Eagle, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i> | Judge, <i>w.</i> |
| *Buffalo Arbeiter-Zeitung, <i>w.</i> | *Lancaster Enterprise, <i>w.</i> |
| Buffalo Commercial, <i>d.</i> | Life, <i>w.</i> |
| Buffalo Courier, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i> | London Times, <i>w.</i> |
| Buffalo Demokrat, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i> | Louisville Courier - Journal, <i>a.</i> |
| Buffalo Enquirer, <i>d.</i> | and <i>s.</i> |
| Buffalo Express, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i> | Milwaukee Sentinel, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i> |
| Buffalo Freie Presse, <i>d.</i> | Montreal Star, <i>d.</i> |
| Buffalo News, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i> | *National Odd Fellow, <i>w.</i> |
| *Buffalo Polak w Ameryce, <i>w.</i> | New Orleans Picayune, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i> |
| Buffalo Review, <i>d.</i> | New York Evening Post, <i>d.</i> |
| Buffalo Times, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i> | New York Herald, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i> |
| Buffalo Tribune, <i>s.</i> | New York Staats - Zeitung, <i>d.</i> |
| Buffalo Volksfreund, <i>d.</i> | and <i>s.</i> |
| *Catholic Union and Times, <i>w.</i> | New York Sun, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i> |
| Charleston News and Courier, <i>d.</i> | New York Times, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i> |
| and <i>s.</i> | New York Tribune, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i> |
| Chicago Record-Herald, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i> | Philadelphia Press, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i> |
| Chicago Tribune, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i> | Pittsburg Dispatch, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i> |
| *Christian Intelligencer, <i>w.</i> | Puck, <i>w.</i> |
| *Christian Register, <i>w.</i> | *Reforma, <i>w.</i> |
| Cincinnati Enquirer, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i> | Rochester Democrat and Chron- |
| Cleveland Plain Dealer, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i> | icle, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i> |
| *Corriere Italiano, <i>w.</i> | Rochester Post-Express, <i>d.</i> |
| Denver News, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i> | Rural New Yorker, <i>w.</i> |
| *Der Westen, <i>w.</i> | *St. Andrew's Cross, <i>m.</i> |
| *Deseret News, <i>semi-weekly.</i> | St. Louis Globe-Democrat, <i>a.</i> |
| Detroit Free Press, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i> | and <i>s.</i> |
| *Erie County Independent, <i>w.</i> | St. Paul Pioneer Press, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i> |

* Gift.

San Francisco Chronicle, *d.* and *s.*

*School, *w.*

*Socialistische Arbeiter-Zeitung,
w.

Springfield Republican, *d.* and *s.*

*Springville Journal and Her-
ald, *w.*

* Gift.

Syracuse Post-Standard, *d.*

Toronto Globe, *d.*

Utica Press, *d.*

*Vorwärts, *w.*

Washington Post, *d.* and *s.*

*Weekly People, *w.*

*Westfield Republican, *w.* .

APPENDIX H.

STAFF.

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Dexter Hunter,	

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John Krieg.

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Five women.

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ELEVATOR.

John Hickey.

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APPENDIX J.

Grammar Schools, 1901.

School Number.	Street.	Number Libraries.	Number Books.	Months in Use.	Circulation.
3	Perry,	9	435	4	1,477
6	S. Division,	15	696	4	1,892
7	Bailey Ave.,	16	686	10	6,556
9	Bailey Ave.,	24	1,112	4	6,309
10	Delaware,	9	428	10	2,588
13	Oak,	9	632	10	3,456
14	Franklin,	9	433	10	3,362
15	Oak,	19	895	10	9,533
17	N. Main,	22	1,001	10	11,969
18	School,	22	1,105	4	6,520
19	West Ave.,	24	1,160	10	9,232
20	Amherst,	14	673	10	4,833
21	Hertel Ave.,	2	75	10	707
22	N. Main,	5	244	10	2,007
23	E. Delavan,	8	361	10	4,466
25	Lewis,	13	603	10	5,511
26	Milton,	20	938	10	9,818
33	Elk,	18	805	10	5,958
39	High,	29	1,247	10	11,723
43	Gold,	24	1,118	10	15,110
44	Broadway,	22	1,024	10	14,315
47	Hickory,	14	638	10	4,859
49	Vermont,	16	715	10	7,864
50	Eagle,	12	551	10	10,496
51	Guernsey,	16	741	10	5,917
52	Barry Pl.	22	954	10	11,829
53	Winslow,	22	1,083	10	11,857
55	Guilford,	22	999	10	10,607
56	Elmwood,	17	809	10	7,898
58	Rother,	21	955	10	10,413
59	Glenwood,	15	725	10	5,771
60	Ontario,	13	848	10	4,570
Practice,	Normal,	9	425	10	3,679
Totals,		532	25,114		233,102

APPENDIX K.

Traveling Libraries.

1901.				BOOKS.
Jan.	4.	Fitch Crèche,	General,	20
"	10.	Kindergarten Training Class,	Pedagogy,	11
"	11.	St. Margaret's School, . . .	Tennyson,	6
"	17.	St. Andrew's Guild,	General,	42
"	17.	Home Library No. 2,	General,	15
"	15.	Home Library No. 3,	General,	15
"	22.	Truant School,	General,	40
"	22.	Miss Chase, Normal School,	Philosophy,	4
Feb.	1.	Mr. Damon, Delaware Ave- nue Baptist S. S.,	General,	27
"	21.	St. Paul's Parish House, . . .	General,	80
"	29.	Locust Street Neighborhood House,	General,	55
Mar.	1.	Cottage Guild,	General,	56
"	2.	Church Home,	General,	40
"	5.	Mr. Stagg, M. P. H. S., . . .	Sociology,	5
"	8.	Woman's Hospital,	General,	25
"	8.	Miss Kenyon, C. H. S., . . .	Mediæval History, . . .	34
"	19.	Erie County Hospital,	General,	40
"	24.	Children's Hospital,	General,	25
Apr.	15.	Uzeta Club,	General,	10
"	20.	F. W. P. S. S.,	General,	75
May	2.	Church Home,	General,	46
"	2.	Street Railway,	General,	48
"	3.	Bethlehem S. S.,	General,	164
"	24.	Ingleside Home,	General,	40
July	16.	Miss Ney, School 44,	Nature,	13
Aug.	13.	Erie County Hospital,	General,	35
Sept.	12.	Buffalo Academy of the Sa- cred Heart,	English History,	49
"	14.	Mrs. Milinowski,	Education,	12
"	23.	Mrs. Ryerson, M. P. H. S.,	American History, . . .	11
"	24.	Miss Chase, Normal School,	Psychology,	17
"	24.	Miss Campbell, M. P. H. S.,	Zoölogy,	9
"	26.	Miss Karnes, C. H. S., . . .	American History, . . .	8
Oct.	22.	Underwood Seminary,	Roman History,	10

				BOOKS.
Oct.	23.	St. Margaret's School, . . .	Shakespeare, . . .	5
"	26.	St. Paul's Parish House, Men's Club,	General,	40
Nov.	5.	Newsboys' Home,	General,	39
"	5.	Truant School,	General,	30
"	5.	M. P. H. S.,	Washington,	22
"	11.	Miss Dild, 1227 Main Street,	Pottery,	11
"	11.	Stanton-street Kindergarten,	General,	20
"	14.	Ingleside Home,	General,	30
"	30.	St. Paul's Parish House, Mrs. Webb,	General,	40
Dec.	2.	Church Home,	General,	45
"	3.	Highland Park L. C., . . .	French History and Art,	40
"	16.	A. M. Read, 159 Whitney Place,	Music,	96
"	20.	Delaware Avenue Study Club,	German History, . . .	41
Total,				1,546

Fire Houses and Police Stations.

1901.				
April.	Hook and Ladder No. 9,			24
"	Chemical No. 5,			24
"	Engine No. 17,			24
"	"	" 19,		24
"	"	" 15,		24
"	"	" 26,		24
"	"	" 24,		24
"	"	" 16,		24
"	Hook and Ladder No. 7,			24
"	Chemical No. 3,			24
"	"	" 4,		24
"	Engine	" 2,		24
"	"	" 31,		24
"	"	" 30, Truck No. 10,		24
"	"	" 8,		24
"	"	" 4,		24
"	Hook and Ladder No. 8,			24
"	Engine No. 20 (Fire Tug),			24

																			BOOKS.
April.	Engine No. 23 (Fire Tug),	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	24
“	“ “ 21, Truck No. 6,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	24
“	“ “ 18,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	24
“	“ “ 22,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	24
“	“ “ 28,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	24
“	“ “ 14,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	24
“	“ “ 27,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	24
“	Chemical No. 6,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	24
“	Engine No. 3, Truck No. 3,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	24
“	“ “ 5,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	24
“	“ “ 6,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	24
“	“ “ 25,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	24
“	“ “ 11, Truck No. 4,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	24
“	Hook and Ladder No. 7,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	24
“	Precinct No. 5,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	24
“	“ “ 6,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	24
“	“ “ 8,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	24
“	“ “ 11,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	24
“	“ “ 13,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	24
Total,																		888	

NOTE.—These are changed from house to house every two months.

APPENDIX L.

Delivery Stations.

- A. — Y. M. C. A. Building, Broadway and Bailey Avenue.
EDWARD KETTLE, *Keeper.*
- B. — Gunn's Pharmacy, 807 Seneca Street.
ROY N. GUNN, *Keeper.*
- C. — White's Bookstore, 1423 Main Street.
E. R. WHITE, *Keeper.*
- D. — Crandell's Pharmacy, 72 Forest Avenue.
FRANK L. CRANDELL, *Keeper.*
- E. — Tuerke's Drug Store, 1872 Niagara Street.
C. W. TUERKE, *Keeper.*
- F. — Hermann's News Store, 2648 Main Street.
JOHN F. HERMANN, *Keeper.*
- G. — Hodson's Drug Store, Seneca and Elk streets.
J. W. HODSON, *Keeper.*
- H. — Krummell's News Store, 2340 Seneca Street.
W. L. KRUMMELL, *Keeper.*

LIBRARY DEPARTMENTS AND HOURS.

READING, REFERENCE AND PERIODICAL ROOMS.

Week days, 9 A. M. to 9 P. M.
Sundays and holidays, 11 A. M. to 9 P. M.

CIRCULATING DEPARTMENT.

Every day, except Sundays and holidays, . . . 9 A. M. to 9 P. M.

NEWSPAPER ROOM.

Week days, 8.30 A. M. to 9 P. M.
Sundays and holidays, 8.30 A. M. to 7 P. M.

CHILDREN'S ROOM.

Monday to Friday, 2.30 to 6 P. M.
Saturdays, 9 A. M. to 6 P. M.
Sundays, 2 to 6 P. M.
Holidays, except Christmas and Fourth of July, 9 A. M. to 6 P. M.

WILLIAM IVES BRANCH, 746 Broadway.

Week days, 2 P. M. to 9 P. M.

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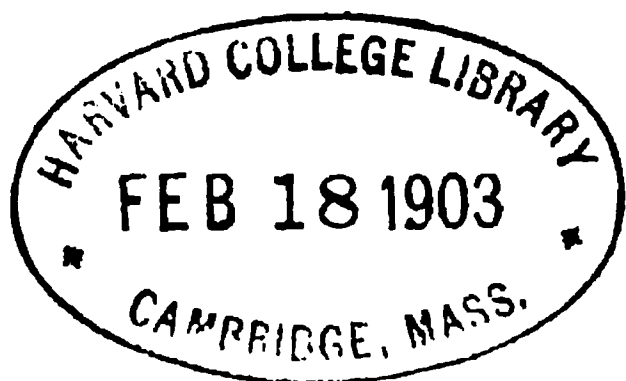
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BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

1902.

REPRESENTATIVES OF THE BUFFALO LIBRARY.

GEORGE L. WILLIAMS, term expires 1903.
THOMAS T. RAMSDELL, “ “ 1904.
JOSEPH P. DUDLEY, “ “ 1905.
CHARLES R. WILSON, “ “ 1906.
WALTER P. COOKE, “ “ 1907.

REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CITY OF BUFFALO.

EX-OFFICIO.

The Mayor, ERASTUS C. KNIGHT.
The Corporation Counsel, CHARLES L. FELDMAN.
The Superintendent of Education, HENRY P. EMERSON.

APPOINTED BY THE MAYOR.

MATHIAS ROHR, term expires 1905.
JOHN D. BOGARDUS, term expires 1907.

OFFICERS.

President, JOSEPH P. DUDLEY.
Vice-President, CHARLES R. WILSON.
Treasurer, WILLIAM P. REED.
Secretary, HENRY L. ELMENDORF.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

JOHN D. BOGARDUS, *Chairman,*
JOSEPH P. DUDLEY,
CHARLES R. WILSON,
MATHIAS ROHR,
WALTER P. COOKE.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

To the Honorable the Common Council of the City of Buffalo :

GENTLEMEN,—In conformity with the Act of incorporation, the Board of Directors of the Public Library has the honor to submit its sixth annual report, covering the year 1902.

The Board of Directors requires the Superintendent and the Treasurer to prepare monthly, throughout the year, a statement of the working of the Library and of its financial condition. At the close of the year, each of these officers is required to condense his monthly statements into an annual report. Because these annual reports are clear, orderly, expert statements of the activities and financial condition of the Library, they have been adopted by the Board of Directors as its own report to your Honorable Body that you may have at hand the most cogent proof that the Directors are justified in their pride in a financially sound and economically administered institution.

The Treasurer's report shows that the Library has lived strictly within its income ; that it has found it necessary to use all its available funds. It does not show how many opportunities for useful work the Library has been obliged to forego because its income would not stretch to cover them.

Attached to the report of the Treasurer is the certificate of Mr. William D. Ingersoll, registered accountant, that the accounts of the Treasurer have been duly examined and found correct.

The Superintendent's report shows a total of 191,170 books in the Library, and, for the first time, a circulation of 1,000,000 volumes, in fact, of almost 1,100,000. The whole report is the record of a wholesome growth and of a most successful year's work.

As the growth of the other institutions, which have for so many years found their home in the Library building, requires them to remove to buildings of their own, the Library is able to expand for its own growth into the vacated rooms. The Historical Society has already gone. The Academy of Fine Arts and Society of Artists will probably go during the summer.

The Library needs and will use to great advantage the additional rooms, but fitting and furnishing them for library purposes will be a heavy drain upon the Library's income. It may become necessary for the Library to ask special aid for this purpose. In the meantime, the Board of Directors asks for its annual income only the same rate that you have granted for several years, *i. e.*, four one-hundredths of one per cent. of the assessed valuation of the city.

For the Board of Directors,

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed.)

JOSEPH P. DUDLEY,
President.

Buffalo, January 19, 1903.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Statement of the Treasurer of the Buffalo Public Library from
January 1, 1902, to January 1, 1903.

RECEIPTS.

Balance, January 1, 1902,	\$ 672.87
City of Buffalo,	78,115.65
Interest from the Buffalo Library permanent fund, . .	4,511.58
Fines, etc.,	3,517.83
State of New York,	100.00
School fund,	1,226.90
Catalogues, Class Room Libraries for Public Schools, .	332.75
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	\$88,477.58

EXPENDITURES.

Books,	\$18,737.41
Periodicals,	1,774.56
Binding,	6,299.20
Printing,	1,490.20
Library supplies,	862.69
Fuel,	2,064.47
Light,	3,569.32
Insurance,	1,002.50
Building,	3,215.06
Miscellaneous,	2,924.20
Salaries: Library employees,	39,195.67
" Building employees,	5,739.92
Delivery stations,	967.25
Branches,	417.41
Balance, January 1, 1903,	217.72
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	\$88,477.58

WILLIAM P. REED, *Treasurer.*

BUFFALO, Jan. 16, 1903.

I have examined the books and vouchers of Mr. William P. Reed, the Treasurer of the Buffalo Public Library, and find the same to be correct. The examination covers the period from January 1, 1902, to January 1, 1903.

WILLIAM D. INGERSOLL,
Accountant and Auditor.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

To the Board of Directors of the Buffalo Public Library :

GENTLEMEN,— I have the honor to present the sixth annual report of the Superintendent of the Buffalo Public Library, covering the year 1902, the sixty-seventh year since the founding of the Buffalo Library.

The annual meeting of the heads of the library departments was held January 9, 1903. At this meeting, each assistant in charge of a department presented a written report to the Superintendent. The reports then presented form the basis of this report, and are filed among the permanent records of the library.

REGISTRATION.

The total number of borrowers' cards in force at the end of the year was 54,495. The total number of cards cancelled and expired was 19,522. There were 5,385 renewals, and 10,393 new names registered. The number of cards cancelled and not renewed shows the wisdom of the Board rule, limiting the time for which cards are issued to three years.

(See Appendix A.)

CONTENTS OF THE LIBRARY.

The last report showed a total of bound volumes in the per-

manent collection of the library, January 1, 1902, . . .	173,991
Added by purchase,	20,884
Added by gift,	936
Added by binding,	550
Added by exchange,	83
Recovered, formerly reported as lost, . . .	24
Total additions,	22,477
Deductions — charged but not returned, . . .	54
Lost in 1899–1902,	615
Lost and paid for,	99
Reported lost, but not yet paid for, . . .	12
Worn out and withdrawn,	6,842
Total withdrawals,	7,622

Net additions,	14,855
Total permanent collection,	188,846
Duplicate collection not catalogued and not in use,	2,324
Total bound volumes, January 1, 1903,	191,170
Maps and plans,	1,076
Coast survey charts,	563
Sheet music,	14,346
(See Appendix B.)	

Special attention is called to the large additions to our music. The greater part of this music came from the Liedertafel Society in 1901, but was not catalogued and added to the library until last year. Some other gifts and some purchases have made this department large and valuable. It is much used and appreciated. Standard works and new compositions are added as there is call for them, and all are circulated on the same plan as books.

CIRCULATION.

Total circulation for home use,	1,094,424
Largest number in one day, Main Library,	4,405
Smallest number in one day, Main Library,	1,289
Days open,	306
Daily average, including all departments,	3,576
Percentage of fiction, including children's stories and fiction in foreign languages, . . . . .	.653

The total circulation shows an increase of 127,974 over the year before and of 113,189 over 1900. The percentage of increase is $13\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. on 1901 and $11\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. on 1900. The comparison is made with both years because 1901 was not to be taken as a normal year, on account of the distractions of the Pan-American Exposition.

The percentage of fiction continues to be satisfactory, showing a slight reduction from .656 to .653. This is noteworthy because the percentage of fiction in the library has been increased by large purchases of novels of the very best literary grade, and the quality has been bettered by discarding, among worn out books, many novels considered of the poorer sort, which will not be replaced.

(See Appendix C.)

OPEN SHELF DEPARTMENT.

The statistics show 18,264 volumes assigned to this department, with a circulation for home use of 268,517, an increase of 28,329 for the year, and an average turn over of nearly fifteen times for every book in the collection.

The work of this department is most satisfactory, forty per cent. of the circulation of the main library being from this collection, selected as it is with the greatest care, and recommended as the best available books we know of for general readers.

The collection is constantly changed by the addition of new books and the withdrawal of those superseded or found to be, upon trial, either unsuitable or not popular. A most thorough examination of the books is in progress in connection with the preparation of an annotated catalogue, which is being compiled for publication. This will be what is known as a classed catalogue, with author and title index. Each book will be entered under its proper class or subject, with a note giving the scope and purpose of the book, with an appraisal by some authority, the criticisms being gathered largely from reviews. This is considered the most important work the library has ever attempted, and we hope that it may prove a great aid to our readers, not for research, but for suggestion. The notes are all made with the view of giving such correct information in regard to each book as will attract to its use.

The bulletins on current events and on special topics of interest, and in connection with special displays of books on the subjects referred to, have been continued with the success heretofore noted.

The great need here is for more room, both for books and readers. The congestion will only be relieved when this department extends to the present reference room, which will be as soon as the Fine Arts Academy moves to its new building, we hope during the summer of the present year.

(See Appendix D.)

CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT.

The number of books in this department is 8,659, of which 8,549 are for circulation, and 110 for reference only. The circulation for home use was 91,043, an increase of 6,618, which is quite remarkable considered in connection with the large increase through the schools noted elsewhere. The reading room attendance and the

reference work have largely increased. The assistants have made great progress in securing the confidence of the children, and are thus better able to help them in their reading. When a child takes out tickets for the first time, he is personally conducted to the shelves, shown the library and he is helped to make a first selection of a book that he is sure to like. This care as to first impressions is considered very important. The Saturday morning story hour has been continued with great interest. The stories selected are in connection with the bulletins. After the stories have been read, the children are taken to the bulletin, which is explained to them, and their attention is called to books on the subject, which are always placed on adjoining shelves.

(See Appendix E.)

REFERENCE DEPARTMENT.

The total number of books in this department is 1,971. No statistics of their use are kept, as they are on open shelves. The stack and reference room are so closely connected that the practice of keeping account of the books brought from the stack for reference use has been abandoned. The attendance has been greater than ever before, and the rooms are overcrowded a greater part of the time. I have been obliged to report this overcrowded condition for three successive years, but it is most earnestly hoped that relief may come this year, when the department will be moved to the present art gallery when the Fine Arts Society moves to the Albright Gallery.

PERIODICAL DEPARTMENT.

The total number of periodicals now numbers 314, twenty-two more than last year; 222 of these are bound and placed in the library.

(See Appendix F.)

An exhibit of Christmas books was made, as usual, in the room adjoining the periodical room, and had many visitors. This is now expected by many people as an aid in their selection of Christmas books, and is no expense to the library, as the books are put in circulation as soon as the exhibition is closed.

NEWSPAPER DEPARTMENT.

We have on file sixty out-of-town papers and eleven daily and five weekly local publications. A large increase is noted in the use

of our bound files, since the removal of the Historical Society to its own building.

(See Appendix G.)

CATALOGUE DEPARTMENT.

During the year, 22,453 volumes and 1,118 pamphlets have been catalogued and added to the library, 1,902 more volumes than in the previous year. There have been added to the dictionary card catalogue 30,700 cards, making 146,700 in all. This catalogue now comprises books of all classes added since August 1, 1898, when it was started, and books new and old in the main classes, Natural Sciences, Fine Arts, Useful Arts, Philosophy, and the sub-classes of Bibliography, Economics, Education, Political Science, History of North and South America and Oceanica, general European History, History of England, Ireland, Scotland, Germany, and France.

The cards we receive from the Library of Congress are very satisfactory, particularly on new copyright books. The information given is full and reliable, and the saving in money and labor considerable. For back work we regret that we have been able to use few of the cards, as the Library of Congress has taken up the classes which we have already dictionary catalogued. During the year we used 9,356 of these cards at a total cost of \$80.50. We subscribe to the proof sheets of all the cards the Library of Congress prints, at a cost of \$30 a year.

We have printed nine lists of additions.

BINDING.

Total number of volumes bound,	19,413
Magazines bound in boards,	1,624
Magazines, pamphlets and record books bound in manila,	1,573
Total cost of binding,	\$6,299.70

SCHOOLS.

We now supply thirty-six schools with libraries for each class room, from which the pupils may draw books for reading at home. Three new schools were added in September. The circulation was 285,726, a gain of 52,624 over the year before. There are 27,053 volumes divided into 598 class-room libraries.

(See Appendix H.)

In February the new edition of our catalogue called "Class-room libraries for public schools," which was in preparation at the time of my last report, was printed. A copy of this catalogue was given to every principal in the city and to every grade teacher in the schools where our libraries are installed. This catalogue has proved very helpful to the teachers, saving them time and hard work, and continually helping them to a better knowledge of children's books. A large edition was printed, and the catalogue was offered to schools and libraries of other cities at little more than the cost of printing. In this way, about 1,500 copies have been sold, and nearly half the cost of publication returned. The assistants attended twenty-five teachers' grade meetings, at which they distributed the catalogue and explained its use.

In the early spring, the Historical Society moved to its new building, relinquishing its rooms to the library. Its quarters having been on the third floor were so far removed from the rest of the library as to be difficult of use to advantage. By arrangement, the Society of Natural Sciences agreed to take the rooms formerly occupied by the Historical Society, and in return give the library the basement of the south wing, which was afterward fitted up for the school department.

These rooms may be briefly described.

First, a work room of generous proportions, with temporary shelving.

Second, a stack room with Library Bureau metal stacks, and wall shelving of wood, with space for 20,000 volumes.

Third, a teachers' reference room. This is a comfortable room, tastefully furnished. Here, in oak cases, arranged by grades, may be found our School Exhibit, or a copy of each book used in our school libraries, for examination and use in the room. This has, I believe, the distinction of being the first room of its kind in any public library.

Fourth, comes the room used for our pictures. Here on three sides of the room are oak cases with pigeon-holes for filing mounted pictures; above these runs a frieze of dark green burlaps for exhibitions and bulletin work. We have circulated 14,600 of these pictures in the schools during the year, and the supply is not equal to the demand. The pictures are especially helpful in teaching history and geography.

The fifth room is for shipping, and, as it is on a level with the rear driveway, it adds greatly to our transportation facilities.

This move of the school work has not only been of great advantage to this department, but has relieved our overcrowded work-room, and left up-stairs a comfortable and proper place for the work of the binding and stations departments.

TRAVELING LIBRARIES.

This work shows some progress, 107 traveling libraries with 3,139 books having been in use, with a circulation of 7,989. This gives no indication of the use of these books, as no record is kept of reference use, or use in the building where the library is placed. The distribution is as follows: 31 fire houses, 7 police stations, 4 literary clubs, 10 teachers of private schools, 18 teachers of high schools, vacation and truant schools, 9 church societies, 8 home libraries, 4 Sunday schools, 8 hospitals (for use of nurses), 5 charitable institutions, homes, etc.

(See Appendix J.)

DELIVERY STATIONS.

The number and location of stations remain the same as last year. There have been some changes in the agents. The circulation was 49,555, a decrease of 1,095 from the year before.

(See Appendix K.)

HIGH SCHOOLS.

Daily delivery and collection of books has continued with good results, particularly at the Masten Park High School. The circulation was 19,140. Adding the circulation through the high school stations to the circulation through the grade schools gives a total school circulation of 304,866, far more than that of any other city.

BRANCHES.

Westminster Branch, No. 421 Monroe Street.—We have here a collection of 592 books, and the rooms have been open 69 afternoons and evenings, with a circulation of 6,347 volumes, an average of 92 a day. It is located very near the William Ives Branch, but the settlement workers are firm in their belief that it would be a calamity to abandon the station, as the close and personal influence of the library assistants in selecting the children's reading is of great value.

Welcome Hall Branch, Seneca Street.—This station has 727 books, is open one day each week, and had a circulation of 4,243. The books are on open shelves, and the losses for three years have been only ten books not accounted for.

William Ives Branch, No. 746 Broadway.—This, our only real branch, was closed during the first three months of the year on account of an epidemic in the neighborhood. The circulation was 37,445, of which 56 per cent. were Polish books, and 7 per cent. German. New borrowers were registered to the number of 1,403, 1,051 of that number being children. Most of the Polish children who use the branch are reading English books, and the influence of the assistants is very great.

LIBRARY RECEIPTS.

Fines,	\$2,873.78
Catalogues,	121.43
Lost and damaged books,	86.93
Reserve postal cards,	360.18
Miscellaneous,	75.51
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	\$3,517.83

STAFF.

There have been many changes in the staff. Some of the assistants have left to take up other work, and some to be married. An admirable spirit of helpfulness exists, the assistants are ambitious for themselves, kind to each other, and courteous to the public.

(See Appendix L.)

GENERAL.

The great need of the library is for branches in the districts of the city remote from the main library. The delivery station system is little more than a makeshift, and should be superseded as soon as possible. Buffalo is far outdone in this department by other cities of like size. Cleveland, Minneapolis, Detroit, and Boston have numerous and well-equipped branches, while Mr. Carnegie has provided New York, Brooklyn, Philadelphia, and Pittsburg with systems of branches that bring a good collection of books, in charge of competent persons, within easy reach of all the citizens.

Branches are needed in Black Rock, Cold Spring, and South Buffalo. The Black Rock district is provided for if the act of the Legislature devoting the proceeds of the sale of the Jubilee Water Works property were carried out. We respectfully urge the early consummation of this sale. I have no doubt that Mr. Carnegie, upon proper application, would show the same liberality to Buffalo that he has exhibited in the case of other cities, and our need is certainly as great. There is, however, no need of expensive buildings

such as are erected with Mr. Carnegie's gifts. The success of the William Ives branch in its modest quarters, rented at \$20 a month, demonstrates what can be done for a small outlay, and I earnestly recommend that the Board further extend its work by renting the most available rooms in the districts most needing the branches, stocking them with books from the main library, maintaining them from its regular income, and trusting to the future to provide the fine buildings and grounds, as they shall be found necessary.

The overcrowding of the main library would be very serious were it not for the prospect of speedy relief by the removal of the societies occupying rooms in the building to buildings of their own. We hope for relief for the catalogue department, which is to occupy the room now used by the Society of Artists, early in the summer, and for the reference department later in the year when the Fine Arts Academy moves to the Albright Gallery.

The American Library Association is to hold its annual convention for 1903 at Niagara Falls, in June. While we undertake no formal hospitality for the Association, we will doubtless have very many visitors, and will show them every courtesy possible.

I most heartily congratulate the Board upon the most useful and successful year the library has ever had, made possible by their hearty support and interest.

The press of the city has continued its kind coöperation, printing our news and lending its aid to our efforts for advancement.

With great respect, I remain,

H. L. ELMENDORF,
Superintendent.

APPENDIX A.

Registration.

Number of registered borrowers, January 1, 1902, . . . 58,239

Registered during 1902 :

New registration :

Over 14 years,	6,861	
Under 14 years,	3,532	
Total,		10,393

Renewals :

Over 14 years,	4,686	
Under 14 years,	699	
Total,		5,385
Total number cards issued,		15,778
		<u>74,017</u>

Cancelled cards :

Cancelled by renewal :

Over 14 years,	929	
Under 14 years,	233	
Total,		1,162

Cancelled for other reasons :

Over 14 years,	11,430	
Under 14 years,	6,930	
Total,		18,360
Total cancellations,		19,522
Total cards in force January 1, 1903,		<u>54,495</u>

APPENDIX B.

Classified Contents of the Library.

	Net Additions, Jan. 1, 1902, to Jan. 1, 1903.	Per cent.	Books, Totals, Jan. 1, 1903.	Per cent.	Pamphlets, Totals, Jan. 1, 1903.	Gross Additions, 1902.	Per cent.
General works,	401	.029	10,519	.057	2,768	399	.020
Philosophy,	138	.01	2,692	.015	358	136	.007
Religion, fairy and folk tales, .	538	.04	10,424	.057	715	1,065	.052
Sociology,	928	.067	18,572	.101	5,213	1,278	.063
Philology,	30	.002	952	.005	51	36	.002
Natural science,	989	.072	11,145	.061	699	1,313	.065
Useful arts,	402	.029	7,604	.041	1,648	510	.025
Fine arts,	481	.035	6,135	.033	497	548	.028
Literature,	1,540	.112	21,017	.114	231	2,488	.123
Prose fiction,	5,918	.431	54,868	.299	.....	9,587	.474
History,	783	.057	17,486	.096	894	1,031	.051
Travel,	869	.063	10,058	.055	356	1,021	.050
Biography,	655	.047	10,514	.057	666	730	.036
Local history and literature, .	86	.006	1,597	.009	3,023	91	.004
Totals,	13,758	.....	183,583	.....	17,119	20,233	.....
Children's picture books, . .	1,097	.....	5,263	.....	.....	2,220	.....
Total permanent collection, .....	.....	.....	188,846	.....	17,119	22,453	.....
Net additions, January 1, 1902, to January 1, 1903, . . .	14,855	.....		.....	.....	.....	.....
Duplicate volumes not cata- logued and not in use, . . .	.....	.....	2,324	.....	.....	.....	.....
Grand total books, Janu- ary 1, 1903, . . . . .	.....	.....	191,170	.....	.....	.....	.....

APPENDIX C.
Circulation by Classes.

1902.	Jan.	Feb.	March.	April.	May.	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Totals.	Per Cent.
Magazines, . .	1,422	1,323	1,510	1,337	1,323	1,255	1,363	1,352	1,415	1,687	1,516	1,526	17,029	.016
Philosophy, .	723	734	690	594	650	508	493	518	537	615	576	524	7,162	.006
Religion, . .	720	783	903	687	621	518	486	528	641	725	722	739	8,073	.007
Sociology, . .	1,387	1,418	1,639	1,361	1,285	874	765	725	1,416	1,427	1,260	1,122	14,679	.014
Philology, . .	189	151	137	124	137	108	135	120	121	142	153	171	1,688	.001
Science, . .	3,645	3,650	5,106	4,410	3,786	1,959	1,480	1,347	5,602	5,331	4,187	3,006	43,509	.040
Useful Arts, .	1,844	1,829	2,013	1,795	1,557	1,164	1,050	1,071	1,816	1,847	1,780	1,570	19,336	.018
Fine Arts, . .	1,667	1,594	1,841	1,539	1,306	1,205	1,139	1,117	1,269	1,705	1,618	1,506	17,506	.016
Literature, .	11,279	8,586	13,951	13,346	11,973	6,479	4,288	4,147	13,903	14,582	12,292	9,726	124,552	.114
History, . .	4,864	5,057	6,116	5,267	4,425	2,753	2,194	2,123	6,101	5,768	4,813	4,093	53,574	.049
Travel, . . .	3,487	3,526	4,658	4,252	3,449	2,200	1,649	1,581	4,583	4,595	3,911	3,330	41,221	.038
Biography, .	2,678	2,686	3,286	3,021	2,893	1,776	1,648	1,771	3,191	3,313	2,623	2,346	31,232	.028
Fiction, . .	60,538	58,595	72,840	66,302	61,344	44,687	43,047	41,269	70,894	74,134	63,313	57,900	714,863	.653
Totals, . .	94,443	89,932	114,690	104,035	94,749	65,486	59,737	57,669	111,489	115,871	98,764	87,559	1,094,424	1.000

Number of days open, 306.
Largest day, main library, 4,405.

Smallest day, main library, 1,289.
Daily average, including all departments, 3,576.

APPENDIX C.
Circulation by Departments.

1902.	Desk.	Open Shelves.	Children's Room.	Grammar Schools.	Stations.	High Schools.	Westminster House.	Welcome Hall.	Wm. Ives Branch.	Total Branches.	Travelling Libraries.	Totals.
January,	27,805	24,983	7,666	26,287	4,010	1,938	399	522	.....	921	833	94,443
February,	27,218	25,449	8,502	21,632	4,059	1,622	485	493	.....	978	472	89,932
March,	30,194	27,604	11,594	36,247	4,503	2,091	880	470	.....	1,350	1,107	114,690
April,	26,296	23,113	9,814	32,771	4,396	2,622	754	456	2,888	4,098	925	104,035
May,	24,509	21,694	8,076	28,335	4,079	2,362	662	489	4,101	5,252	442	94,749
June,	20,931	19,457	6,518	7,610	3,794	1,015	682	256	4,634	5,572	589	65,486
July,	22,151	20,495	6,862	.....	4,086	.....	425	194	4,866	5,485	658	59,737
August,	21,538	20,519	6,298	.....	4,227	.....	374	227	4,486	5,087	....	57,669
September,	48,910	20,560	4,834	26,997	3,870	1,323	414	186	3,924	4,524	471	111,489
October,	26,120	22,374	6,608	48,717	4,128	2,403	354	279	4,175	4,808	713	115,871
November,	24,233	21,259	7,286	35,008	3,900	1,926	396	311	3,964	4,671	481	98,764
December,	24,514	21,010	6,985	22,122	4,503	1,836	522	360	4,407	5,289	1,298	87,559
Totals,	324,419	268,517	91,043	285,726	49,555	19,140	6,347	4,243	37,445	48,035	7,989	1,094,424

APPENDIX C.

Circulation—Comparative Statement.

	1897.	1898.	1899.	1900.	1901.	1902.
January,		79,205	73,083	92,515	92,729	94,443
February,		78,106	75,082	90,390	89,516	89,932
March,		80,591	86,244	108,432	109,688	114,690
April,		67,543	71,744	83,814	84,952	104,035
May,		53,612	63,526	76,009	79,117	94,749
June,		48,156	53,037	56,951	49,734	65,486
July,		46,767	53,753	51,869	47,709	59,737
August,		52,700	55,947	52,834	50,837	57,669
September,	44,392	52,190	85,870	83,828	82,204	111,489
October,	68,877	70,670	92,487	99,341	98,832	115,871
November,	76,571	71,201	94,327	95,204	96,332	98,764
December,	72,392	67,287	82,586	90,048	85,900	87,559
Totals,	262,232	768,028	887,686	981,235	966,450	1,094,424

APPENDIX D.

Classified Table of Books in Open-shelf Room.

ENGLISH.	
General works,	4
Philosophy,	231
Religion,	273
Sociology,	682
Philology,	27
Science,	790
Useful arts,	454
Fine arts,	374
Literature,	795
History,	1,062
Travel,	672
Biography,	979
Fiction,	9,441
Total,	15,784

GERMAN.

General works,	1	
Philosophy,	7	
Religion,	2	
Sociology,	9	
Science,	3	
Useful arts,	4	
Fine arts,	4	
Literature,	70	
History,	32	
Travel,	47	
Biography,	32	
Fiction,	705	
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Total,		916

FRENCH.

Literature,	26	
History,	4	
Travel,	3	
Biography,	5	
Fiction,	25	
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Total,		63
Bound magazines,	238	
Current numbers of magazines,	281	
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Total,		519

NEW BOOKS — TEMPORARILY PLACED.

Classed,	440	
Fiction,	542	
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Total,		982
Grand total,		18,264

APPENDIX E.

Classified Table of Books in Children's Room.

General works,	1	
Philosophy, ethics,	21	
Religion,	38	
Fairy and folk tales,	268	
Sociology,	201	
Science,	749	
Useful arts,	239	
Fine arts,	213	
Literature,	1,095	
History,	823	
Travel,	602	
Biography,	365	
Fiction,	3,827	
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Picture books,		107
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Total, for circulation,		8,549
Reference books,		110
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Total,		8,659

APPENDIX F.

Periodicals.

- *Academe, *w.*
 Academy, *w.*
 *Acetylene Gas, *m.*
 American Academy of Political and Social Science, Publications, *numbered series.*
 American Antiquarian, *bi-m.*
 American Architect, International ed., *w.*
 American Catholic Historical Society Records, *q.*
 American Catholic Review, *q.*
 American Chemical Journal, *m.*
 American Economic Association Papers, *irregular.*
 American Historical Review, *q.*
 American Institute of Electrical Engineers, Transactions, *m.*
 *American Investments, *m.*
 American Journal of Archæology, *q.*
 American Journal of Mathematics, *q.*
 American Journal of Nursing, *m.*
 American Journal of Philology, *irregular.*
 American Journal of Psychology, *q.*
 American Journal of Science, *m.*
 American Journal of Sociology, *bi-m.*
 American Machinist, *w.*
 American Microscopical Journal, *m.*
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- American Monthly Magazine, *m.*
 American Monthly Review of Reviews, *m.*
 American Naturalist, *m.*
 American Philosophical Society Proceedings, *numbered series.*
 American Statistical Association Papers, *irregular.*
 Anglo-American, *m.*
 Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science, *bi-m.*
 *Annals of the Propagation of Faith, *m.*
 Antiquary, *m.*
 Architects' and Builders' Magazine, *m.*
 Architectural Record, *m.*
 Architectural Review, *m.*
 Arena, *m.*
 Army and Navy Journal, *w.*
 Art Interchange, *m.*
 Art Journal, *m.*
 *Association Men, *m.*
 *Association Review, *m.*
 Athenæum, *w.*
 Atlantic Monthly, *m.*
 Auk, *q.*
 Babyhood, *m.*
 Bankers' Magazine, *m.*
 *Baptist Outlook, *m.*
 *Beet Sugar Gazette, *m.*
 Biblical World, *m.*
 Bibliographer, *m.*

- Biblioteka Warszawska, *m.*
 Biesiada Literacka, *w.*
 Bird-Lore, *bi-m.*
 Birds and Nature, *m.*
 Black and White, *w.*
 Blackwood's Magazine, *m.*
 Bluszcz, *w.*
 Book Buyer, *m.*
 Bookman, *m.*
 Book News, *m.*
 Brick Builder, *m.*
 Brochure Series, *m.*
 *Brown Alumni, *m.*
 *Buffalo Medical Journal, *m.*
 *Bulletin of Labor Statistics of
 New York, *q.*
 Bulletin of the American Geo-
 graphical Society, *five times a*
 year.
 *Bulletin, Y. M. C. A., *m.*
 *Calendar, *m.*
 *California Municipalities, *m.*
 Canadian Magazine, *m.*
 Cassier's Magazine, *m.*
 Catholic University Bulletin, *q.*
 Catholic World, *m.*
 Century, *m.*
 Chambers's Journal, *m.*
 Charities, *w.*
 Chautauqua, *m.*
 Child Garden, *m.*
 *Christian Science Journal, *m.*
 Christian Work and Evangelist,
 w.
 Churchman, *w.*
 *City and State, *w.*
 *Club Journal, *m.*
 Collier's Weekly, *w.*
 *Consular Reports, *m.*
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- Contemporary Review, *m.*
 *Cook's Excursionist, *m.*
 Cornhill Magazine, *m.*
 Cosmopolitan, *m.*
 Country Life in America, *m.*
 *Criterion, *m.*
 Critic, *m.*
 *Crop Reporter, *m.*
 Cumulative Index, *m.*
 Current History, *m.*
 Current Literature, *m.*
 Deutsche Litteratur Zeitung, *w.*
 Deutsche Rundschau, *m.*
 Dial, *f.*
 *Dixie, *m.*
 Dublin Review, *q.*
 Eclectic Magazine, *m.*
 Economic Journal, *q.*
 Economist, *w.*
 Edinburgh Review, *q.*
 Education, *m.*
 Educational Review, *m.*
 *Educator, *m.*
 *Electrical Age, *m.*
 Electrical Review, *w.*
 Electrical World, *w.*
 *Engineer, *m.*
 Engineering, *w.*
 Engineering and Mining Journal,
 w.
 Engineering Magazine, *m.*
 Engineering News, *w.*
 Engineering Record, *w.*
 English Catalogue, *m.*
 English Historical Review, *q.*
 English Illustrated Magazine, *m.*
 Essex Antiquarian, *q.*
 Etude, *m.*
 Everybody's Magazine, *m.*

- *Exports Declared, *q*.
 *Flaming Sword, *w*.
 Forestry and Irrigation, *m*.
 Fortnightly Review, *m*.
 Forum, *q*.
 *Fraternal Monitor, *m*.
 *Free Russia, *m*.
 *Four Track News, *m*.
 Gartenlaube, *f*.
 Gentleman's Magazine, *m*.
 Geographical Journal, *m*.
 Geological Magazine, *m*.
 Good Government, *m*.
 Graphic, *w*.
 Greater Buffalo, *m*.
 Great Round World, *w*.
 Harper's Bazar, *m*.
 Harper's Monthly, *m*.
 Harper's Weekly, *w*.
 *Hartford Seminary Record, *q*.
 *Health Department Monthly Report, *m*.
 *Herald of the Golden Age, *m*.
 *Home and Flowers, *m*.
 Illustrated London News, *w*.
 Illustration, L', *w*.
 Illustrierte Zeitung, *w*.
 Independent, *w*.
 *Indian's Friend, *w*.
 Inland Architect, *m*.
 International Journal of Ethics, *q*.
 International Quarterly, *q*.
 International Studio, *m*.
 *Johns Hopkins University Circulars, *irregular*.
 Johns Hopkins University Studies in Historical and Political Science, *numbered series*.
 Journal of American Folk Lore, *q*.
 Journal of Education, *w*.
 Journal of Geology, *m*.
 Journal of Political Economy, *q*.
 Journal of the American Chemical Society, *m*.
 *Journal of the Association of Engineering Societies, *m*.
 *Journal of the Association of Military Surgeons, *m*.
 Journal of The Franklin Institute, *m*.
 Journal of the Institution of Electrical Engineers, *irregular*.
 *Journal of the N. Y. Entomological Society, *q*.
 Journal of the Royal Statistical Society, *q*.
 Journal of the Society of Chemical Industry, *f*.
 Journal of the Western Society of Engineers, *bi-m*.
 *Journal of Zoophily, *m*.
 Judge, *w*.
 Kindergarten Magazine, *m*.
 Knowledge, *m*.
 Ksiaskzka, *m*.
 Ladies' Home Journal, *m*.
 *La Tierre Mexico, *m*.
 *Latin Leaflet, *w*.
 *Le Couteulx Leader, *w*.
 Library, *q*.
 Library Journal, *m*.
 Library World, *m*.
 Life, *w*.
 Lippincott's Magazine, *m*.
 Literary News, *m*.
 Literary World, *m*.
 Littell's Living Age, *w*.
 Litterarische Echo, Das., *f*.

* Gift.

- Little Chronicle, *w*.
 Little Folks, *m*.
 *Locomotive, *m*.
 Locomotive Engineering, *m*.
 McClure's Magazine, *m*.
 McMillan's Magazine, *m*.
 Magazine of Art, *m*.
 Manual Training Magazine, *q*.
 Marine Review, *w*.
 *Masten Park Chronicle, *q*.
 Merchants' Association Review,
 m.
 Mind, *q*.
 *Mines and Minerals, *m*.
 *Mining and Engineering Re-
 view, *m*.
 Missionary Review, *m*.
 Modern Language Association of
 American Publications, *q*.
 Monist, *q*.
 *Monthly Bulletin of the Bureau
 of American Republics, *m*.
 Monthly Cumulative Book Index,
 m.
 Monthly Review, *m*.
 Municipal Affairs, *q*.
 Municipal Engineering, *m*.
 Munsey's Magazine, *m*.
 Music, *m*.
 *Mutual Underwriter, *m*.
 Nation, *w*.
 National Review, *m*.
 Nature, *w*.
 New England Historical and
 Genealogical Register, *q*.
 New England Magazine, *m*.
 New York Genealogical and Bio-
 graphical Record, *q*.
 Nineteenth Century, *m*.
 North American Review, *m*.
 Notes and Queries, *w*.
 *Official Gazette of the U. S.
 Patent Office, *w*.
 Official Railway Guide, *m*.
 Open Court, *m*.
 *Open Window, *m*.
 *Our Fellow Creatures, *m*.
 *Our Record, *m*.
 Outing, *m*.
 Outlook, *w*.
 Outlook (English), *w*.
 Overland Monthly, *m*.
 Pall Mall Magazine, *m*.
 Pedagogical Seminary, *q*.
 *Pediatrics, *f*.
 Pennsylvania Magazine of History
 and Biography, *q*.
 Petermann's Mitteilungen, *m*.
 Petermann's Mitteilungen Er-
 gänzungsheft, *numbered series*.
 Philippine Review, *irregular*.
 Philistine, *m*.
 Philosophical Magazine, *m*.
 Philosophical Review, *bi-m*.
 *Phonetic Journal, *w*.
 Political Science Quarterly, *q*.
 Popular Astronomy, *m*.
 *Popular Mechanics, *w*.
 Popular Science, *m*.
 Popular Science Monthly, *m*.
 Postal Record, *m*.
 Power, *m*.
 Printers' Ink, *w*.
 Psychological Review, *bi-m*.
 Public Libraries, *m*.
 Public Opinion, *w*.
 *Public, The, *w*.
 Publishers' Weekly, *w*.

- Puck, *w.*
 Punch, *w.*
 Quarterly Bibliography of Books Reviewed, *q.*
 Quarterly Journal of Economics, *q.*
 Quarterly Review, *q.*
 Records of the Past, *m.*
 Répertoire Bibliographique de la Librairie Française, *m.*
 Review of Reviews (English ed.), *m.*
 Revue des Deux Mondes, *f.*
 St. Nicholas, *m.*
 *Salvation, *m.*
 Saturday Evening Post, *w.*
 Saturday Review, *w.*
 School Review, *m.*
 Science, *w.*
 Science Abstracts, *m.*
 Scientific American, *w.*
 Scientific American Building Edition, *m.*
 Scientific American Supplement, *w.*
 Scottish Geographical Magazine, *m.*
 Scribner's Magazine, *m.*
 *Search-Light, *m.*
 *Single Tax Review, *q.*
 Social Service, *m.*
 Society for Psychical Research, Proceedings, *irregular.*
 *Sound Currency, *m.*
 *Southern Letter, *m.*
 *Special Consular Reports, *numbered series.*
 Spectator, *w.*
 Strand, *m.*
 *Sunday School Evangelist, *m.*
 Sunday School Times, *w.*
 *Sunset, *m.*
 *Technology Review, *q.*
 Telephone Magazine, *m.*
 Temple Bar, *m.*
 *Timely Topics, *w.*
 Theosophical Review, *m.*
 Trained Nurse, *m.*
 *Triumphs of Faith, *m.*
 Truth, *w.*
 Tygodnik Ilustrowany, *w.*
 Ueber Land und Meer, *w.*
 United Service, *m.*
 *U. S. Department Climate and Crops, New York, *m.*
 *U. S. Department Climate and Crops, West Virginia, *m.*
 *U. S. Labor Department Bulletins, *bi-m.*
 *U. S. Monthly Weather Review, *m.*
 U. S. Naval Institute, Proceedings, *q.*
 U. S. Postal Guide, *m.*
 *U. S. Statistical Bureau Monthly Summary, *m.*
 *Vassar Miscellany, *m.*
 *Vegetarian, *m.*
 *Volne Listy, *m.*
 Vom Fels zum Meer, *f.*
 Westermann's Monatshefte, *m.*
 Westminster Review, *m.*
 World's Work, *m.*
 Yale Review, *q.*
 Youth's Companion, *w.*
 *Zion's Watch Tower, *f.*
 * Gift.

SUMMARY.

Monthly,	180
Weekly,	65
Quarterly,	43
Fortnightly,	8
Bi-monthly,	8
Numbered,	5
Irregular,	7
Total,	<hr/> 316

APPENDIX G.

Periodicals in Newspaper Room.

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| Albany Journal, <i>d.</i> | Forest and Stream, <i>w.</i> |
| Atlanta Constitution, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i> | *Gazetta Buffaloska, <i>w.</i> |
| Baltimore American, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i> | Harper's Weekly, <i>w.</i> |
| Boston Journal, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i> | Illinois Staats-Zeitung, <i>d.</i> |
| Boston Transcript, <i>d.</i> | Illustrated London News, <i>w.</i> |
| Brooklyn Eagle, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i> | Judge, <i>w.</i> |
| *Buffalo Arbeiter-Zeitung, <i>w.</i> | *Lancaster Enterprise, <i>w.</i> |
| Buffalo Commercial, <i>d.</i> | Life, <i>w.</i> |
| Buffalo Courier, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i> | London Times, <i>w.</i> |
| Buffalo Demokrat, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i> | Louisville Courier-Journal, <i>d.</i> |
| Buffalo Enquirer, <i>d.</i> | and <i>s.</i> |
| Buffalo Express, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i> | Milwaukee Sentinel, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i> |
| Buffalo Freie Presse, <i>d.</i> | Montreal Star, <i>d.</i> |
| Buffalo News, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i> | *National Odd Fellow, <i>w.</i> |
| *Buffalo Polak w Ameryce, <i>w.</i> | New Orleans Picayune, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i> |
| Buffalo Review, <i>d.</i> | New York Evening Post, <i>d.</i> |
| Buffalo Times, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i> | New York Herald, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i> |
| Buffalo Tribune, <i>s.</i> | New York Staats-Zeitung, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i> |
| Buffalo Volksfreund, <i>d.</i> | New York Sun, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i> |
| *Catholic Union and Times, <i>w.</i> | New York Times, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i> |
| Charleston News and Courier, <i>d.</i> | New York Tribune, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i> |
| and <i>s.</i> | Philadelphia Press, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i> |
| Chicago Record-Herald, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i> | Pittsburg Dispatch, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i> |
| Chicago Tribune, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i> | Puck, <i>w.</i> |
| *Christian Intelligencer, <i>w.</i> | *Reforma, <i>w.</i> |
| *Christian Register, <i>w.</i> | Rochester Democrat and Chroni- |
| Cincinnati Enquirer, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i> | cle, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i> |
| Cleveland Plain Dealer, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i> | Rochester Post-Express, <i>d.</i> |
| *Corriere Italiano, <i>w.</i> | Rural New Yorker, <i>w.</i> |
| Denver News, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i> | *St. Andrew's Cross, <i>m.</i> |
| *Der Westen, <i>w.</i> | St. Louis Globe-Democrat, <i>d.</i> |
| *Deseret News, <i>semi-weekly.</i> | and <i>s.</i> |
| Detroit Free Press, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i> | St. Paul Pioneer Press, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i> |
| *Erie County Independent, <i>w.</i> | San Francisco Chronicle, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i> |

* Gift.

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|---|--|
| *School, <i>w.</i> | Toronto Globe, <i>d.</i> |
| *Socialistische Arbeiter-Zeitung,
<i>w.</i> | Utica Press, <i>d.</i> |
| Springfield Republican, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i> | *Vorwärts, <i>w.</i> |
| *Springville Journal and Herald,
<i>w.</i> | Washington Post, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i> |
| Syracuse Post-Standard, <i>d.</i> | *Weekly People, <i>w.</i> |
| | *Westfield Republican, <i>w.</i> |

APPENDIX H.

Grammar Schools, 1902.

School Number.	Street.	Number Libraries.	Number Books.	Months' Use.	Circulation.
3	Perry,	10	416	10	2,445
5	Seneca,	15	677	4	2,068
6	S. Division,	15	667	10	6,420
7	S. Bailey,	16	635	10	6,971
9	Bailey,	28	1,189	10	13,998
10	Delaware,	9	414	10	2,595
13	Oak,	9	420	10	3,707
14	Franklin,	9	415	10	3,772
15	Oak,	19	878	10	9,066
17	N. Main,	23	1,059	10	13,559
18	School,	24	1,091	10	14,863
19	West Ave.,	25	1,141	10	9,387
20	Amherst,	15	712	10	6,079
21	Hertel Ave.,	2	92	10	1,287
22	N. Main,	6	321	10	2,184
23	E. Delavan,	8	407	10	4,865
25	Lewis,	12	535	10	6,419
26	Milton,	22	1,012	10	9,437
33	Elk,	17	714	10	6,298
36	Day's Park,	10	469	3	1,841
37	Carlton,	27	1,214	4	6,442
39	High,	29	1,303	10	11,746
43	Gold,	25	1,165	10	18,881
44	Broadway,	23	1,011	10	17,077
47	Hickory,	14	633	10	5,369
49	Vermont,	14	640	10	8,129
50	Eagle,	12	535	10	10,611
51	Hertel Ave.,	16	722	10	6,023
52	Bird Ave.,	22	993	10	15,302
53	Winslow,	21	954	10	11,943
55	Guilford,	22	1,049	10	10,923
56	Elmwood,	18	841	10	7,117
58	Rother,	21	932	10	14,800
59	Glenwood,	15	668	10	5,412
60	Ontario,	16	706	10	4,916
Sch. Practice,	Normal,	9	423	10	3,774
Totals,		598	27,053		285,726

APPENDIX J.

Traveling Libraries.

1902.			BOOKS.
Jan.	2.	Highland Park L. C., . . . French History, . . .	40
"	4.	Father Sloan, 348 Porter Ave., Biography, . . .	20
"	6.	H. J. Baker, School 11, . . . Manual Training, . . .	9
"	9.	St. Margaret's School, Miss Robinson, Literature,	6
"	9.	Erie County Hospital, . . . General,	39
"	11.	Welcome Hall, Miss Adsit, . . . General,	23
"	11.	St. Paul's Parish House, Miss Wilson, Literature,	11
"	14.	Home Library No. 1, Mrs. Norton, General,	16
"	18.	Home Library No. 2, Mrs. Henry, General,	16
"	24.	Woman's Hospital, . . . General,	25
"	25.	Truant School, General,	33
Feb.	1.	St. Andrew's Guild House, . . . General,	60
"	5.	Home Library No. 3, Mrs. Lutz, General,	17
"	6.	Masten Park H. S., Mr. Stagg, Philippines,	44
"	10.	Mme. de Zielinski, . . . French History, . . .	18
"	17.	Home Library No. 4, Mrs. Lemon, General,	16
"	17.	Home Library No. 5, Mrs. Kemmel, General,	16
"	28.	Home Library No. 6, Mrs. Duffy, General,	16
Mar.	3.	Delaware Avenue Baptist S. S., Mr. Damon, General,	27
"	8.	St. Margaret's School, Miss Robinson, English Humor, . . .	11
"	8.	Maple Street Chapel, Mr. Dorland, General,	30
"	11.	West High School, Miss Davis, Botany,	14
"	11.	Church Home, General,	50

Mar.	12.	Parkside Unitarian S. S., . . .	General,	50
"	18.	General Hospital,	General,	38
"	19.	Trinity House,	General,	57
"	21.	Newsboys' Home,	General,	30
Apr.	2.	Homeopathic Hospital, . . .	General,	25
"	2.	Ingleside Home,	General,	32
"	23.	Erie County Hospital, . . .	General,	34
"	23.	Truant School,	General,	33
May	10.	Buffalo Seminary, Miss Thayer,	Imperialism, . . .	12
"	21.	St. Paul's Parish House, Mrs.		
		Webb,	General,	75
"	21.	First United Presbyterian S. S.,	General,	60
June	2.	Children's Hospital,	General,	23
"	2.	Dr. Gleason, 307 Mortimer St.,	General,	18
July	10.	Mr. D. Upton,	General,	35
"	14.	Vacation School No. 35, . . .	General,	103
"	14.	" " No. 11,	General,	40
"	14.	" " No. 42,	General,	50
"	14.	" " No. 44,	General,	88
"	19.	Fitch Crèche,	General,	20
"	25.	Homeopathic Hospital, . . .	General,	25
Sept.	9.	Academy of the Sacred Heart,	General,	37
"	10.	Bethlehem M. E. S. S., . . .	General,	108
"	15.	West High School, Miss Hick-		
		man,	English History, . .	19
"	17.	School No. 36, Miss Stern, . .	English History, . .	11
Oct.	1.	Highland Park L. C., . . .	French History, . .	28
"	2.	Stanton Street Kindergarten,	General,	19
"	2.	St. Andrew's Guild,	General,	45
"	2.	Normal School, Miss Lovejoy,	General,	50
"	3.	Ingleside Home,	General,	26
"	8.	St. Paul's Parish House, Men's		
		Club,	General,	50
"	9.	Truant School,	General,	40
"	9.	Erie County Hospital, . . .	General,	30
"	10.	St. Margaret's School, Miss		
		Griffin,	History of Art, . .	6
"	10.	St. Margaret's School, Miss		
		Seabury,	General,	9
"	16.	School No. 31, Miss Cotter, .	American History, .	9

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Oct. 17.	Mrs. Aird, 193 Lancaster Ave.,	France,	27
" 23.	Zion House, Miss Krombach,	General,	92
" 30.	Central High School, Miss		
	Maeder,	Ornament,	11
Nov. 10.	Dr. Gleason, 307 Mortimer St.,	General,	58
" 19.	St, Margaret's School, Miss		
	Metty,	French History, . .	9
" 20.	St. Margaret's School, Miss		
	Blair,	General,	20
Dec. 3.	Home Library No. 8, Miss		
	Sage,	General,	15
" 8.	Normal School, Miss Mott, .	American History, .	17
" 13.	School 51, Mr. White, . .	Art,	12
" 30.	First United Presbyterian S. S.,	General,	45
" 30.	Woman's Hospital,	General,	26
Total,			2,227

Firemen and Police.

1902.		NO. BOOKS.
April.	Hook and Ladder No. 9,	24
"	Chemical No. 5,	24
"	Engine No. 17,	24
"	" " 19,	24
"	" " 15,	24
"	" " 26,	24
"	" " 24,	24
"	" " 16,	24
"	Hook and Ladder No. 7,	24
"	Chemical No. 3,	24
"	" " 4,	24
"	Engine " 2,	24
"	" " 8,	24
"	" " 4,	24
"	Hook and Ladder No. 8,	24
"	Engine No. 20 (Fire Tug),	24
"	" " 23 " "	24
"	" " 21, Truck No. 6,	24
"	" " 18,	24
"	" " 22,	24

April.	Engine No. 28,	. . . . .	24
"	" " 14,	. . . . .	24
"	" " 27,	. . . . .	24
"	Chemical No. 6,	. . . . .	24
"	Engine No. 3, Truck No. 3,	. . . . .	24
"	" " 5,	. . . . .	24
"	" " 6,	. . . . .	24
"	" " 25,	. . . . .	24
"	" " 11, Truck No. 4,	. . . . .	24
"	" " 12,	. . . . .	24
"	Hook and Ladder No. 7,	. . . . .	24
"	Precinct No. 5,	. . . . .	24
"	" " 6,	. . . . .	24
"	" " 8,	. . . . .	24
"	" " 11,	. . . . .	24
"	" " 13,	. . . . .	24
"	" " 9,	. . . . .	24
"	" " 12,	. . . . .	24
Total,			912

. APPENDIX K.

Delivery Stations.

- A. — Y. M. C. A. Building, Broadway and Bailey Avenue.
EDWARD KETTLE, *Keeper*.
- B. — Keller & Deuchler's Drug Store, 757 Seneca Street.
A. J. KELLER, *Keeper*.
- C. — White's Bookstore, 1423 Main Street.
E. R. WHITE, *Keeper*.
- D. — Crandall's Pharmacy, 72 Forest Avenue.
FRANK L. CRANDALL, *Keeper*.
- E. — Franke's Drug Store, 1834 Niagara Street.
JOHN A. FRANKE, *Keeper*.
- F. — Hermann's News Store, 2648 Main Street.
JOHN F. HERMANN, *Keeper*.
- G. — Hodson's Drug Store, Seneca and Elk streets.
J. W. HODSON, *Keeper*.
- H. — Krummell's News Store, 2340 Seneca Street.
W. L. KRUMMELL, *Keeper*.

APPENDIX L.

STAFF.

GENERAL.

Henry L. Elmendorf,	<i>Superintendent.</i>
Walter L. Brown,	<i>Assistant Superintendent.</i>
William Ives,	<i>Librarian.</i>
Mrs. Bertrice S. Fulton,	<i>Sup't Circulating Department.</i>
William P. Reed,	<i>Treasurer.</i>
Ella B. Gartland,	<i>Stenographer.</i>
Charlotte J. van Peyma,	<i>Order Clerk.</i>

CATALOGUE DEPARTMENT.

Ellen M. Chandler, <i>Head</i> ,	Eleanor E. Hawkins,
Mary J. Briggs,	Margaret Bruce McCabe,
Ella G. Christey,	Jane E. Provoost.*
Emily S. Coit,	

FINISHING, MARKING AND LABELING.

Pauline C. D. Dichel,	
Helen M. Johnson,	Hilda Schottin.

BINDERY, RECORD AND REPAIR.

Harriet E. Provoost, <i>Head</i> ,	Elizabeth Eckner.
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REFERENCE DEPARTMENT.

Frederick J. Shepard, <i>Head</i> ,	Lucia T. Henderson.
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CIRCULATING DEPARTMENT..

Harriet A. Beach, <i>Head</i> , Delivery Counter.	
Grace D. Rose, <i>Head</i> , Open-shelf Room.	
Mrs. Adelaide B. Maltby, <i>Head</i> , Children's Room.	
Gertrude E. Allen,	Florence S. Hall,
Harriet F. Baker,	Olive N. Lee,
Ralph M. Brown,	Mabel L. Rushworth,
Margaret C. Campbell,	M. Elizabeth Schanzlin,
Madge Colt,	Lillie W. Schild,
Russell J. Forbes, Jr.,	Marinda S. White,
Caroline Galligan,	Nellie A. Whitman,
Harriet J. Griggs,	Alice G. Wightman.
Jessie H. Cole, Fines and Reserve books.	

* Died, January 6, 1903.

CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT.

Alice M. Baritot,	Georgia W. Rathbone,
Grace Huffner,	Edward Fischer, Page,
Curtis Schlegel, Page.	

DELIVERY STATIONS.

James P. Fowler, <i>Head</i> ,	William Rankin.
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SCHOOLS AND TRAVELING LIBRARIES.

Claude G. Leland, <i>Head</i> ,	Stella M. Bushnell,
Harry N. Parsons.	

REGISTRY DEPARTMENT.

Mary Ellen Blossom,	Florence Maischoss.
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PERIODICAL DEPARTMENT.

Mrs. Stella B. Ransom, <i>Head</i> ,	Rose E. Chamberlin.
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NEWSPAPER DEPARTMENT.

Sara P. Sheldon, <i>Head</i> ,	Charles Shear.
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SHELF DEPARTMENT.

Robert Ramsey, <i>Head</i> ,	James Murray,
Albert E. Fries,	Frank L. Parks,
William B. Lipphardt,	Lewis M. Parsons,
John Wheelock.	

ENGINEER AND JANITOR.

John Krieg.

Two Assistants,	Five Women.
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CHECK ROOM.

Charles Fulton.

ELEVATOR.

John Hickey.

SPECIAL OFFICER.

Madison E. Grantier.

WILLIAM IVES BRANCH.

Mary E. Standbridge, Librarian in charge,	
Mrs. Josepha Kudlicka,	Joseph Friedman.

LIBRARY DEPARTMENTS AND HOURS.

READING, REFERENCE AND PERIODICAL ROOMS.

Week days, 9 A. M. to 9 P. M.
Sundays and holidays, 11 A. M. to 9 P. M.

CIRCULATING DEPARTMENT.

Every day, except Sundays and holidays, . . . 9 A. M. to 9 P. M.

NEWSPAPER ROOM.

Week days, 8.30 A. M. to 9 P. M.
Sundays and holidays, 8.30 A. M. to 7 P. M.

CHILDREN'S ROOM.

Monday to Friday, 2.30 to 6 P. M.
Saturdays, 9 A. M. to 6 P. M.
Sundays, 2 to 6 P. M.
Holidays, except Christmas and Fourth of July, 11 A. M. to 6 P. M.

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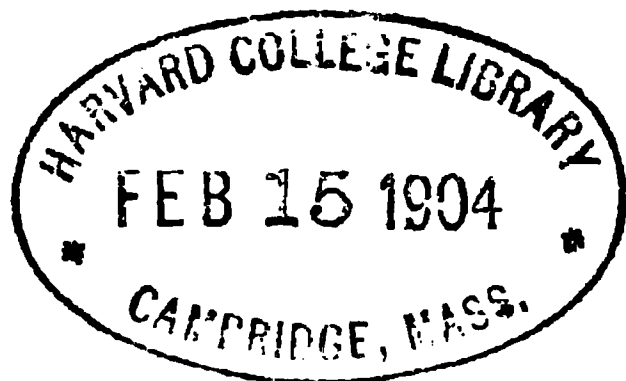
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68th YEAR OF THE BUFFALO LIBRARY.

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

1903.

REPRESENTATIVES OF THE BUFFALO LIBRARY.

THOMAS T. RAMSDELL, term expires 1904.
JOSEPH P. DUDLEY, “ “ 1905.
CHARLES R. WILSON, “ “ 1906.
WALTER P. COOKE, “ “ 1907.
GEORGE L. WILLIAMS, “ “ 1908.

REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CITY OF BUFFALO.

EX-OFFICIO.

The Mayor, ERASTUS C. KNIGHT.
The Corporation Counsel, CHARLES L. FELDMAN.
The Superintendent of Education, HENRY P. EMERSON.

APPOINTED BY THE MAYOR.

MATHIAS ROHR, term expires 1905.
JOHN D. BOGARDUS, term expires 1907.

OFFICERS.

President, JOSEPH P. DUDLEY.
Vice-President, CHARLES R. WILSON.
Treasurer, WILLIAM P. REED.
Secretary, HENRY L. ELMENDORF.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

JOHN D. BOGARDUS, *Chairman,*
JOSEPH P. DUDLEY,
CHARLES R. WILSON,
MATHIAS ROHR,
WALTER P. COOKE.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

To the Honorable the Common Council of the City of Buffalo :

GENTLEMEN, — In conformity with the Act of incorporation, the Board of Directors has the honor to submit its seventh annual report, covering the year 1903.

It has been the policy of the Board of Directors, after exercising the most extreme care in the selection of its executive officers, to impose upon these officers, not only the management of the detail work of the institution but the responsibility of initiating new forms of activity and extension.

Formal meetings of the Directors are held each month, with the Superintendent and Treasurer, and informal individual visits are constantly made by some, if not all, of the Directors. At the formal monthly meetings, plans for any changes in policy are submitted by the Superintendent, and the financial condition of the institution is reported by the Treasurer. At the close of the calendar year, both officers prepare reports, summarizing the year's activities in all lines, and its resources and expenditures.

In order that Your Honorable Body may have opportunity to become thoroughly informed of the library's work, the Board of Directors submits these reports of the Superintendent and Treasurer of the Public Library as its own report to you.

That the year's circulation of books is more than one million volumes, larger than that of any city of equal population in the country, shows that the library is reaching the people in a very effective way.

Almost four hundred thousand of this number go, through the class-room libraries in the schools and the children's room, into the hands of children less than fourteen years old, and are taken from collections of the most carefully selected books of the highest quality. Thus, the library is working effectively with the Public Schools, that the coming citizens of Buffalo shall be, not only free and prosperous, but well educated, intelligent, and cultivated.

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The opening of two new branches in parts of the city remote from the library extends the library's influence, but taxes its income sorely.

One other part of the city needs library privileges that Your Honorable Body might ensure, not only without further cost to the city but actually to its financial betterment. We refer to the sale of the Jubilee Waterworks property, authorized to be sold by the Act of March 16, 1898, but still held unused and, as city property, out of the tax rolls. This Board respectfully prays that Your Honorable Body will take up the matter of the sale of this property at a very early day.

The Board of Directors also asks for its annual income the same rate that you have granted for years past, i. e., four-fifths of four one-hundredths of one per cent. of the assessed valuation of the city.

For the Board of Directors,

Respectfully submitted,

J. P. DUDLEY,
President.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Statement of the Treasurer of the Buffalo Public Library from
January 1, 1903, to January 1, 1904.

RECEIPTS.

Balance, January 1, 1903,	\$ 217.72
City of Buffalo,	77,800.76
Interest from the Buffalo Library permanent fund, . .	4,614.98
Fines, etc.,	3,350.50
State of New York,	200.00
School fund,	2,979.80
	<hr/> \$89,163.76

EXPENDITURES.

Books,	\$18,974.57
Periodicals,	1,637.31
Binding,	6,908.08
Printing,	522.90
Library supplies,	851.24
Fuel,	2,763.16
Light,	3,678.26
Insurance,	979.03
Building,	2,994.63
Miscellaneous,	2,580.97
Salaries: Library employees,	39,691.00
Salaries: Building employees,	5,755.35
Delivery stations,	1,015.40
Branches,	604.44
Balance, January 1, 1904,	207.42
	<hr/> \$89,163.76

WILLIAM P. REED, *Treasurer.*

BUFFALO, Jan. 19, 1904.

I have examined the books and vouchers of Mr. William P. Reed, the Treasurer of the Buffalo Public Library, and find the same to be correct. The examination covers the period from January 1, 1903, to January 1, 1904.

WILLIAM D. INGERSOLL,
Accountant and Auditor.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

To the Board of Directors of the Buffalo Public Library:

GENTLEMEN, — I have the honor to present the' seventh annual report of the Superintendent of the Buffalo Public Library, covering the year 1903, the sixty-eighth since the founding of the Buffalo Library.

The annual meeting of the heads of library departments was held January 12, 1904, in the teachers' room of the school department, all members of the staff being invited to be present. At this meeting each assistant in charge of a department presented a written report to the Superintendent, which was read and discussed. The reports then presented are filed among the permanent records of the library, and form the basis of this report.

REGISTRATION.

The total number of borrowers' cards in force January 1, 1904, was 56,571, or 2,076 more than a year ago. The new registration numbered 9,166, and there were 4,852 renewals.

(See Appendix A.)

CONTENTS OF THE LIBRARY.

The last report showed a total of bound volumes in the per-

manent collection of the library, January 1, 1903, . . .	188,846
Added by purchase,	20,577
Added by gift,	759
Added by binding,	465
Added by exchange,	1,851
Recovered, formerly reported as lost, . . .	20
Total additions,	23,672
Deductions — charged but not returned, . . .	81
Lost in 1900-1903,	86
Lost and paid for,	112
Reported lost, but not yet paid for, . . .	6
Worn out and withdrawn,	5,651
Total withdrawals,	5,936

Net additions,	17,736
Total permanent collection,	206,582
Duplicate collection not catalogued and not in use, . .	2,387
Total bound volumes, January 1, 1904,	208,969
Maps and plans,	1,186
Coast survey charts,	573
Sheet music,	14,346
Pamphlets,	17,966
(See Appendix B.)	

CIRCULATION.

Total circulation for home use,	1,085,522
Largest number in one day, Main Library,	4,972
Smallest number in one day, Main Library,	1,301
Days open,	306
Daily average, including all departments,	3,547
Percentage of fiction, including children's stories and fiction in foreign languages, . . . . .	.654
(See Appendix C.)	

OPEN-SHELF DEPARTMENT.

This collection now numbers 18,792 books and the yearly circulation was 243,486, an average turnover of thirteen times for each book in the collection. The Open-shelf Department, a library for the general reader, carefully selected, tested by experience and constantly revised, cannot and does not strive to keep pace with the skilled novel reader. It does attempt to put most of the great old books, the authorities on special subjects, the pleasant, lovable authors and the best new books, be they delightful, useful, or instructive, before its readers, and the steady, and in many cases growing, use of these books is a constant source of encouragement and delight.

The bulletin work has been continued with considerable activity this year, and its effectiveness clearly demonstrated. A new and attractive board has been put up adjoining the shelves for new books, to be devoted to notices of the more recent publications. On this board are used short attractive reviews clipped from the critical journals, pictures, small one-book bulletins and, in short, any attractive matter about such new books as we wish specially to bring to the attention of readers. No inordinate demand for the books thus noticed has

resulted, but we think these suggestions are read, and we hope they may stimulate interest in the books even after they have reached the permanent collection.

This department serves also for the main reading room of the library, and a sight of its crowded condition on each afternoon will convince every visitor of the crying need for more room. We have reason to hope that the Art Gallery will be soon removed to its new building, and that the coming year will probably bring our long desired opportunity for expansion, will eliminate many of our problems and, with a clearer field, give us a chance for more and better work.

(See Appendix D.)

CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT.

The number of books in this department is 9,174, of which 9,072 are for circulation and 102 for reference only. The circulation for home use was 84,625, a decrease of 6,418 from the year before. This loss is easily accounted for by the great increase of books taken by the children from the Public Library books in the school libraries, and, moreover, quality rather than quantity has been striven for. Every book added to the children's collection was read and approved. Of the 190 new titles added during the year, but 54 were fiction, and the percentage of fiction is only 57 per cent. against 65 per cent. for the entire library.

The whole children's collection is on open shelves; the number of stories is practically unrestricted, that is, the supply is sufficient to meet all demands; and the children make their own choice from these open shelves, and nearly one-half of the children, stimulated no doubt by the careful personal advice of the assistants who have won their confidence, by pictures and bulletins, and by suggestions in the selections read and told to them during the weekly story hour, choose history, biography, and natural science rather than stories.

The reference collection contains many standard books in illustrated editions, too expensive for general circulation. The children look at the pictures in these beautiful editions in the library rooms, and, becoming interested, take the plainer copies home to read. Take, as an instance, the Hawthorne Wonder Book and Tanglewood Tales. All our copies were in a plain, rather unattractive edition, consequently, in spite of our efforts to interest the children in the

stories, they would not circulate. Since we purchased for the reading room the Crane edition of the Wonder Book, and Tanglewood Tales, illustrated by Edwards, it is difficult to find a circulating copy of either book on the shelves, so popular have they become.

The reference work shows marked increase and special care is given the boys and girls in the higher school grades in preparation for transferring them to the main or, as the children call it, "the people's library."

(See Appendix E.)

REFERENCE DEPARTMENT.

The work of this department shows a marked growth, and an increasing number of people come to us for information, particularly in connection with the new and growing manufacturing interests of the city. This is the fourth year that I have been obliged to report that lack of room hampered the work. We expressed the hope that we should have more room last year through the removal of the Society of Fine Arts to its new home in the Albright Art Gallery. This removal has been delayed, however, and no definite date for opening has as yet been fixed, but we hope for the extra room in the near future. The present crowded condition is certainly a detriment to our reference work.

PERIODICAL DEPARTMENT.

We take a total of 313 periodicals for this department, of which 215 are bound and preserved. The average daily attendance is 265.
(See Appendix F.)

NEWSPAPER DEPARTMENT.

Seventy-five papers are regularly received, of which ten are local dailies and six local weeklies. The local papers and one of the New York dailies are preserved and bound.

The average daily attendance is 272.

The newspaper room is in the Old Court House building, separate, but adjoining the main library. The building is growing very old, is very much out of repair, and was never well adapted to library purposes. We hope that in the near future we may be able to tear this building down, and, by special appropriation, replace it with a modern and suitable library annex.

(See Appendix G.)

CATALOGUE DEPARTMENT.

During the year 22,088 books and 847 pamphlets have been catalogued. 26,000 cards have been added to the dictionary catalogue, which now covers all books added since August 1, 1898, and more than half of the books in the old library. A full dictionary catalogue was made for each of the new branches, making 9,000 extra cards. We can hardly expect to catch up with the old work this year, but the next should finish it, and meanwhile our catalogue is becoming more nearly complete and more valuable every day.

Our library has been made one of the depositories of the cards of the catalogue of the Library of Congress, and we were particularly fortunate in securing a duplicate official set, which is more complete than that of any other library except that of New York City. This catalogue now numbers about 150,000 cards and new ones are coming to us at the rate of about 4,000 a month. It will become more valuable as time goes on, and costs us only for the cases and the labor of sorting in the cards. This catalogue is open to the public, but most used at present by our library staff.

In August, the Society of Artists removed to its new rooms in the Albright Art Gallery, and its former quarters were occupied by the library, as the catalogue room, September 1st. This gives us a very large, well-lighted and well-ventilated room, and, with the new cases and fittings, makes very desirable quarters. There is one drawback, that is the distance from the stack and the main catalogues. This we hope to remedy, when we get the Art Gallery for our reference room, by a service elevator, which will go from the stacks and delivery room through the catalogue room to the new reference room.

ORDER AND ACCESSIONS DEPARTMENT.

When the catalogue department was moved upstairs, the accession work was united with the order department, and given the old catalogue room. All new books are received here, invoices are compared with the books and checked, and the usual accession work done. The gifts to the library are also received and acknowledged here. This change is working very well, and is to the advantage of both departments. The file of order cards is coming to be a very valuable library aid, as the notes made when new books are examined are preserved on the order cards.

BINDING.

Total number of volumes bound,	20,842
Magazines bound in boards,	1,597
Magazines, pamphlets, etc., bound in manila,	1,543
Total cost of binding,	\$6,908.08

Our own binding facilities are not sufficient to keep up with our work, and we found it necessary to send 1,300 books outside for re-binding. This was not very satisfactory, and the result not equal in quality to our own work and cost a little more. In spite of this outside help, we now have more than 3,000 books waiting to be bound, besides which many of our valuable magazines sets need rebinding and binder's repairs. We have no room at present to extend our bindery, but hope to find it in the changes incidental to moving the Art Gallery.

SCHOOLS.

We added three new schools to our list this year, making thirty-nine. We have 693 separate class-room libraries, containing in all 30,643 books. We received from the city and State school library fund \$2,979.80. This money is first used to buy the necessary reference books for each school, and the balance to help pay for the circulating libraries. The circulation for home use from these libraries was 309,874, an increase of 24,148. A little over 13,000 of this gain was from the old schools, showing increased interest and use.

One teacher reports that he has himself read all the books in his grade library. He, possibly as a consequence, has the largest circulation of any class in the city. This merely shows how much depends upon the teacher's interest in, and knowledge of, the books.

A great interest has developed in the teachers' training class connected with School No. 10. In November, the class, in sections, visited our school exhibit, and the work was explained to them. Since then they have individually studied the books and our methods with much interest.

Our rooms are freely at the service of the teachers for their association and committee meetings, and also for the Erie County Principals' Association.

The exhibit of Christmas books was this year made in the teachers' room of the school department. It proved as attractive as

usual, and served as an introduction to the school department to many parents who did not know of it, and gave many an opportunity to examine the books we use in the schools.

We circulated 17,791 mounted pictures, and have now a classified collection illustrating almost every subject and numbering more than 25,000. Besides the school use, these pictures have been used by literary clubs and societies, the German Y. M. C. A., and many teachers from country and private schools, and all have heartily appreciated the help they have had from the illustrations.

We see the benefit of the work in the schools in all departments of the library. We are creating literary taste and making future readers.

(See Appendix H.)

TRAVELING LIBRARIES.

The traveling library has become a regular feature of many Buffalo institutions, and the demand increases each year. The libraries have been withdrawn from the police stations on account of the system in the Police Department of transferring the men from one station to another every three months. These transfers made keeping account of the books very difficult, and many books were lost. The firemen make very good use of their libraries.

There were in all 108 traveling libraries used by thirty-three fire houses, four literary clubs, fourteen teachers in private schools, sixteen teachers in high schools, grammar schools and truant schools, five Sunday schools, eleven church societies, four hospitals, for the use of nurses, twelve charitable institutions, homes, etc. The record of circulation was kept in only a few of these, as they were free for use to all in the buildings where they were located. There were 3,522 books used and the circulation was 8,017.

One experiment which we think had a good result was that made at the night school at No. 20. The students were all employed during the day, many of them foreigners, and very few had ever been in the library. Of his own notion, one of our school assistants took a bundle of library books and some application cards to the class. He kept this up one evening a week for four weeks. He had the hearty coöperation of the teacher, and when the school closed, explained to the young men how to use the library and its branches. He took 106 applications for cards, circulated 118 books, and many of the pupils

are now regular borrowers. This work will be extended another year.

(See Appendix J.)

DELIVERY STATIONS.

The circulation through the delivery stations was 50,005, a gain over the year previous of 450. The number of stations remains the same as last year, and they are doing fairly well, with the exception of Station A in the R. R. Y. M. C. A. on Broadway. Here the circulation for the year was only 2,733, less than ten books a day, and only half the number at any other station. I do not think this pays, as the money and effort could be expended to much better advantage elsewhere. I think the Board should consider the advisability of closing the branch, substituting a traveling library to be in charge of the secretary, and changed from time to time.

(See Appendix K.)

HIGH SCHOOLS.

We have discontinued the daily delivery at the Central High School. The school is located so near the library that we found we could do better for the pupils by having them come to the main library for their books. For part of the year we supplied the new Lafayette High School on the delivery station plan, which served very well until a regular branch was opened in the school building, as described below. The daily delivery in the Masten Park School continues to be very satisfactory. The total circulation through the high schools was 19,253, which, added to that of the grade libraries, makes a total of 329,127.

BRANCHES AND DEPOSITORIES.

Westminster, No. 421 Monroe Street (Depository).—We have here 602 volumes, and the library hours are from 2 to 9 P. M. one day each week. The circulation was 5,406. The depository is much appreciated by its patrons, and gives library privileges to many whom it would be difficult to reach otherwise.

Welcome Hall, 404 Seneca Street (Depository).—The general plan of the preceding year has been followed, the room being opened one afternoon and evening each week, and its use at that time restricted to those who draw books. This is not the ideal of a free

library, but is the only plan that has been found practicable, with the small room available, in this district where the children are ready to fill and overflow any place open to them. We had some trouble about order here in the early days, but that has all passed, and a very pleasant state of things exists. The only difficulty is the small room for the accommodation of so many. The books number 698, and the circulation was 4,652.

William Ives Branch, No. 746 Broadway.—With a stock of 4,033 volumes, the circulation was 43,045, 48 per cent. Polish, 7 per cent. German, and 45 per cent. English. This branch is in a rented building which proves too small for the number of people who come there. As soon as I can find a larger room, somewhat farther from the main library, I shall advise the Board to move the branch. We lease from month to month and our fittings and furniture can all be moved when a suitable place is found. The work, even in its cramped quarters, is most interesting and many of the children of foreign parentage are learning to read English books as well as those in their own language.

Jos. P. Dudley Branch, No. 503 South Park Avenue.—This new branch was the result of a petition by a number of the citizens of South Buffalo, who justly claimed that they should have library privileges, from which they were cut off by their great distance from the main library. The branch was named by the Board in honor of its President. This seems peculiarly appropriate, as Mr. Dudley, in his address as President of the Buffalo Library, in 1895, was the first to propose that the Buffalo Library be made free. He has been a member of the Board of Directors of the Public Library since its opening in 1897.

The branch is in a rented room, plainly furnished, well lighted, and very attractive. There is none of the overcrowding noticed in the Ives Branch or the Westminster and Welcome Hall Depositories. The work has more likeness to the public libraries of small towns where the readers are nearly all known to the librarian personally, and the library is one of the main places of interest in the community. The branch was opened December 15th, with a stock of 1,750 new books. The circulation is about sixty each day. This is increasing, as the residents register and are supplied with library cards. This section of the city is building up rapidly. No

very large work is expected, but a healthy and growing branch has been started. We are not entirely sure that our location is right, but have leased for a short term only, and can remedy any mistake very soon. The branch is open every week day from 2 to 9 P. M.

Lafayette Branch, Lafayette High School.—This was opened to the pupils of the school December 15th, and to the public January 4, 1904. The books are placed in the beautifully equipped library room of the school, adjoining the principal's office. Besides supplying the library wants of a large section of the city remote from the main library, the opening of this branch marks a new departure in the use of a school building for educational work other than that of the school proper. We hope that this will prove so successful that library rooms may be provided wherever new school buildings are built in a part of the city that needs the Public Library.

The branch is open for the pupils and teachers during school hours and for the public from 2 to 4 P. M. each day. These hours will be increased if the demand warrants.

There are 1,700 new books. This number will be increased as the demand grows. About one hundred a day go out now and the branch opens under the happiest prospects, with the approbation of the School Department and of the principal and teachers of the school.

(See Appendix L.)

LIBRARY RECEIPTS.

Fines,	\$2,798.87
Catalogues,	88.73
Lost and damaged books,	83.15
Reserve postal cards,	309.78
Miscellaneous,	70.00
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	\$3,350.53

STAFF.

The number of assistants remains practically the same as last year, although there have been many changes. Mr. C. G. Leland, the head of the school department since its opening, left in February last to take charge of the school library work in the New York public schools. Miss Bushnell, who succeeded to this position, left in October to be married. These were serious losses to our force. In November the school and branch departments were consolidated, with

Miss Rose as Superintendent of schools and branches, and nine assistants, who are interchangeable as the needs of the work require. The staff, as a whole, is effective, intelligent, courteous, and satisfactory.

(See Appendix M.)

GENERAL.

The great advance of the year has been in the opening of the new branches. The city is pretty well covered now, with the exception of the Black Rock district, which was supposed to be provided for long ago by the property of the Jubilee Waterworks, the sale of which was authorized by the State Legislature seven years ago. The Board has petitioned the Common Council each year that the provisions of the Act be carried out, but, as yet, nothing has been done. In time, the city will need permanent branch buildings in the near neighborhood of the present branches. It may be that the benevolence of some of our many wealthy and public-spirited citizens will take the direction of giving a branch library building to the city.

The work in the branches has all the effectiveness of the well-run library in a small town. The reader knows the books, knows the librarian, and his wants receive the personal attention they deserve.

I have to thank the press of the city for its strong help to the library in publishing our news, and keeping the people informed of what we have and do.

My sincere thanks are due the Board for its kind and intelligent support, and to its individual members for personal friendship.

Respectfully submitted,

H. L. ELMENDORF,
Superintendent.

APPENDIX A.

Registration.

Number of registered borrowers, January 1, 1903, . . . 54,495

Registered during 1903 :

New registration :

Over 14 years,	6,329	
Under 14 years,	2,837	
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Total,		9,166

Renewals :

Over 14 years,	4,382	
Under 14 years,	470	
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Total,		4,852
Total number cards issued,		<hr/>
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		68,518

Cancelled cards :

Cancelled by renewal :

Over 14 years,	1,907	
Under 14 years,	154	
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Total,		2,061

Cancelled for other reasons :

Over 14 years,	7,046	
Under 14 years,	2,835	
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Total,		9,881
Total cancellations,		<hr/>
		11,942
Total cards in force January 1, 1904,		<hr/>
		56,571

APPENDIX B.

Classified Contents of the Library.

	Gross Additions, 1903.	Per cent.	Net Additions, Jan. 1, 1903, to Jan. 1, 1904.	Per cent.	Books, Totals, Jan. 1, 1904.	Per cent.	Pamphlets, Totals, Jan. 1, 1904.
General works,	237	.011	235	.014	10,754	.054	2,902
Philosophy,	216	.010	213	.012	2,905	.014	403
Religion, fairy and folk tales, .	1,432	.065	797	.046	11,221	.056	733
Sociology,	1,639	.074	1,240	.072	19,812	.099	5,430
Philology,	57	.002	52	.003	1,004	.005	54
Natural science,	1,073	.049	807	.047	11,952	.060	762
Useful arts,	502	.023	476	.028	8,080	.040	1,839
Fine arts,	461	.021	446	.026	6,581	.033	533
Literature,	3,162	.143	2,265	.132	23,282	.116	236
Prose fiction,	10,479	.474	8,247	.479	63,115	.314	.....
History,	1,122	.051	991	.058	18,477	.092	918
Travel,	1,036	.047	900	.052	10,958	.054	383
Biography,	621	.028	528	.031	11,042	.055	727
Local history and literature, .	51	.002	7	.000	1,604	.008	3,046
Totals,	22,088	.....	17,204	.....	200,787	.....	17,966
Recovered, formerly reported as lost,	20	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Children's picture books, . .	1,564	.....	532	.....	5,795	.....	.....
Total permanent collection,	23,672	.....	.....	.....	206,582	.....	17,966
Net additions, January 1, 1903, to January 1, 1904, . . .	.....	.....	17,736	.....	.....	.....	.....
Duplicate volumes not cata- logued and not in use, . . .	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,387	.....	.....
Grand total books, Janu- ary 1, 1904, . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	.....	208,969	.....	.....

APPENDIX C.

Circulation by Classes.

	Jan.	Feb.	March.	April.	May.	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Totals.	Per Cent.
Magazines, . .	1,777	1,650	1,702	1,562	1,442	1,344	1,329	1,403	1,512	1,657	1,501	1,518	18,397	.017
Philosophy, .	745	694	796	625	535	517	435	473	554	718	632	563	7,287	.007
Religion, . .	743	783	772	648	508	421	437	421	528	740	778	652	7,431	.007
Sociology, . .	1,362	1,343	1,458	1,142	902	771	683	665	1,227	1,506	1,466	1,331	13,856	.013
Philology, . .	162	177	136	165	132	120	129	126	150	194	149	137	1,777	.002
Science, . . .	3,956	3,509	5,679	3,984	3,572	1,293	1,142	1,071	5,369	5,591	5,092	4,215	44,473	.041
Useful Arts, .	1,929	1,752	2,193	1,748	1,429	1,081	1,045	1,040	1,733	1,990	1,849	1,741	19,530	.018
Fine Arts, . .	1,725	1,645	1,770	1,468	1,205	993	995	1,006	1,317	1,630	1,658	1,623	17,035	.016
Literature, . .	10,812	8,821	14,662	11,088	10,128	4,086	3,535	3,316	13,392	15,792	14,977	12,279	122,888	.113
History, . . .	4,668	4,664	5,931	4,374	3,381	1,997	1,799	1,873	6,054	6,130	5,600	5,136	51,607	.047
Travel, . . .	4,098	3,645	4,749	3,821	2,895	1,742	1,605	1,567	4,506	5,050	4,866	4,443	42,987	.039
Biography, . .	2,809	2,889	3,370	2,678	2,035	1,418	1,210	1,137	2,800	2,904	2,811	2,507	28,568	.026
Fiction, . . .	63,458	59,216	75,039	62,349	52,195	36,870	37,319	37,569	70,398	77,328	73,002	64,943	709,686	.654
Totals, . .	98,244	90,788	118,257	95,652	80,359	52,653	51,663	51,667	109,540	121,230	114,381	101,088	1,085,522	1.000

Number of days open, 306.

Largest day, main library, 4,972.

Smallest day, main library, 1,301.

Daily average, including all departments, 3,547.

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APPENDIX C.

Circulation by Departments.

1903.	Desk.	Open Shelves.	Children's Room.	Class Room Libraries.	Books Issued to Class Room Lib.	Stations.	High Schools.	Westminster House.	Welcome Hall.	Wm. Ives Branch.	Jos. P. Dudley Branch.	Lafayette High School Branch.	Total Branches.	Traveling Libraries.	Totals.
January, .	27,852	24,973	7,783	25,679	.....	4,448	1,690	449	517	4,734	.....	.....	5,700	119	98,244
February, .	26,919	24,171	8,809	18,862	.....	3,911	1,582	504	495	4,848	.....	.....	5,847	687	90,788
March, . .	28,063	23,715	9,809	41,590	.....	4,502	2,684	665	497	5,032	.....	.....	6,194	1,700	118,257
April, . .	24,479	20,362	8,243	29,828	.....	4,439	1,756	504	454	4,458	.....	.....	5,416	1,129	95,652
May, . .	20,052	16,222	6,061	26,874	.....	4,041	2,212	414	416	3,413	.....	.....	4,243	654	80,359
June, . .	20,017	17,171	5,556	.....	.....	4,119	960	450	286	3,440	.....	.....	4,176	654	52,653
July, . . .	20,252	17,185	5,976	.....	.....	4,296	.....	380	307	3,267	.....	.....	3,954	.....	51,663
August, .	20,539	17,297	6,089	.....	.....	3,733	.....	473	222	3,314	.....	.....	4,009	.....	51,667
September, .	20,493	18,679	4,924	25,827	30,485	3,941	598	332	270	3,026	.....	.....	3,628	965	109,540
October, .	24,134	21,685	6,353	55,270	.....	4,417	2,882	360	420	3,182	.....	.....	3,962	2,527	121,230
November, .	23,441	21,309	7,696	49,079	158	3,863	2,740	501	364	3,412	.....	.....	4,277	1,818	114,381
December, .	22,566	20,667	7,326	36,865	.....	4,295	2,149	374	404	4,101	523	532	5,934	1,286	101,088
Totals, .	278,807	243,436	84,625	309,874	80,643	50,005	19,253	5,406	4,652	46,227	523	532	57,340	11,539	1,085,522

APPENDIX C.

Circulation — Comparative Statement.

	1899.	1900.	1901.	1902.	1903.
January,	73,083	92,515	92,729	94,443	98,244
February,	75,082	90,390	89,516	89,932	90,788
March,	86,244	108,432	109,688	114,690	118,257
April,	71,744	83,814	84,952	104,035	95,652
May,	63,526	76,009	79,117	94,749	80,359
June,	53,037	56,951	49,734	65,486	52,653
July,	53,753	51,869	47,709	59,737	51,663
August,	55,947	52,834	50,837	57,669	51,667
September,	85,870	83,828	82,204	111,489	109,540
October,	92,487	99,341	98,332	115,871	121,230
November,	94,327	95,204	96,332	98,764	114,381
December,	82,586	90,048	85,300	87,559	101,088
Totals,	887,686	981,235	966,450	1,094,424	1,085,522

APPENDIX D.

Classified Table of Books in Open-shelf Room.

ENGLISH.	
General works,	5
Philosophy,	221
Religion,	260
Sociology,	701
Philology,	27
Science,	788
Useful arts,	432
Fine arts,	369
Literature,	798
History,	1,048
Travel,	694
Biography,	979
Fiction,	9,715
Total,	16,037

GERMAN.

General works,	4	
Philosophy,	8	
Religion,	7	
Sociology,	11	
Philology,	1	
Science,	3	
Useful arts,	3	
Fine arts,	4	
Literature,	95	
History,	89	
Travel,	67	
Biography,	41	
Fiction,	795	
Total,		1,078

FRENCH.

Religion,	2	
Fine arts,	1	
Literature,	31	
History,	8	
Travel,	8	
Biography,	9	
Fiction,	32	
Total,		91
Bound magazines,	211	
Current numbers of magazines,	373	
Total,		584

NEW BOOKS—TEMPORARILY PLACED.

Classed,	509	
Fiction,	493	
Total,		1,002
Grand total,		18,792

APPENDIX E.

Classified Table of Books in Children's Room.

General works,	1	
Philosophy, ethics,	23	
Religion,	41	
Fairy and folk tales,	322	
Sociology,	256	
Science,	773	
Useful arts,	244	
Fine arts, amusements,	251	
Literature,	1,137	
History,	824	
Travel,	689	
Biography,	400	
Fiction,	3,982	
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		8,944
Picture books,	128	
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Total for circulation,	9,072	
Reference books,	102	
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Total,	9,174	

APPENDIX F.

Periodicals.

- *Academe, *w.*
 Academy, *w.*
 *Acetylene Gas, *m.*
 American Antiquarian, *bi-m.*
 American Architect, International ed., *w.*
 American Catholic Historical Society Records, *q.*
 American Catholic Review, *q.*
 American Chemical Journal, *m.*
 American Economic Association Papers, *irregular.*
 American Historical Review, *q.*
 American Institute of Electrical Engineers, Transactions, *m.*
 American Inventor, *f.*
 *American Investments, *m.*
 American Journal of Archæology, *q.*
 American Journal of Mathematics, *q.*
 American Journal of Nursing, *m.*
 American Journal of Philology, *irregular.*
 American Journal of Psychology, *q.*
 American Journal of Science, *m.*
 American Journal of Sociology, *bi-m.*
 American Machinist, *w.*
 American Monthly Magazine, *m.*
 American Monthly Review of Reviews, *m.*
- American Naturalist, *m.*
 American Philosophical Society Proceedings, *numbered series.*
 American Statistical Association Papers, *irregular.*
 Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science, *bi-m.*
 *Annals of the Propagation of Faith, *m.*
 Antiquary, *m.*
 Architects' and Builders' Magazine, *m.*
 Architectural Record, *m.*
 Architectural Review, *m.*
 Arena, *m.*
 Army and Navy Journal, *w.*
 Art Interchange, *m.*
 Art Journal, *m.*
 *Association Men, *m.*
 *Association Review, *m.*
 Athenæum, *w.*
 Atlantic Monthly, *m.*
 Auk, *q.*
 Babyhood, *m.*
 Bankers' Magazine, *m.*
 *Baptist Outlook, *m.*
 Biblical World, *m.*
 Biblioteka Warszawska, *m.*
 Biesiada Literacka, *w.*
 Bird-Lore, *bi-m.*
 Birds and Nature, *m.*
 Black and White, *w.*

* Gift.

- Blackwood's Magazine, *m.*
 Bluszcz, *w.*
 Bookman, *m.*
 Book News, *m.*
 Brick Builder, *m.*
 Brochure Series, *m.*
 *Brown Alumni, *m.*
 *Buffalo Medical Journal, *m.*
 *Bulletin of Labor Statistics of
 New York, *q.*
 Bulletin of the American Geo-
 graphical Society, *irregular.*
 *Bulletin, Y. M. C. A., *m.*
 *Calendar, *m.*
 Canadian Magazine, *m.*
 Cassier's Magazine, *m.*
 Catholic University Bulletin, *q.*
 Catholic World, *m.*
 Century, *m.*
 Chambers's Journal, *m.*
 Charities, *w.*
 Chautauquan, *m.*
 *Christian Science Journal, *m.*
 *Christian Science Sentinel, *w.*
 Christian Work and Evangelist,
 w.
 Churchman, *w.*
 City and State, *w.*
 *Club Journal, *m.*
 Collier's Weekly, *w.*
 Commerce, *m.*
 *Consular Reports, *m.*
 Contemporary Review, *m.*
 *Cook's Excursionist, *m.*
 Cornhill Magazine, *m.*
 Cosmopolitan, *m.*
 Country Life in America, *m.*
 *Criterion, *m.*
 Critic, *m.*
 *Crop Reporter, *m.*
 Cumulative Index, *m.*
 Current Literature, *m.*
 Deutsche Litteratur Zeitung, *w.*
 Deutsche Rundschau, *m.*
 Dial, *f.*
 *Dixie, *m.*
 *Dog Fancier, *m.*
 Dublin Review, *q.*
 Eclectic Magazine, *m.*
 Economic Journal, *q.*
 Economist, *w.*
 Edinburgh Review, *q.*
 Education, *m.*
 Educational Review, *m.*
 *Educator, *m.*
 *Electrical Age, *m.*
 Electrical Review, *w.*
 Electrical World, *w.*
 *Engineer, *m.*
 Engineering, *w.*
 Engineering and Mining Journal,
 w.
 Engineering Magazine, *m.*
 Engineering News, *w.*
 Engineering Record, *w.*
 English Historical Review, *q.*
 English Illustrated Magazine, *m.*
 Essex Antiquarian, *q.*
 Etude, *m.*
 Everybody's Magazine, *m.*
 *Exports Declared, *q.*
 *Flaming Sword, *w.*
 Forestry and Irrigation, *m.*
 Fortnightly Review, *m.*
 Forum, *q.*
 *Four Track News, *m.*
 *Fraternal Monitor, *m.*
 *Free Russia, *m.*

* Gift.

- Gartenlaube, *f*.
 Gentleman's Magazine, *m*.
 Geographical Journal, *m*.
 Geological Magazine, *m*.
 Good Government, *m*.
 Graphic, *w*.
 Harper's Bazar, *m*.
 Harper's Monthly, *m*.
 Harper's Weekly, *w*.
 *Hartford Seminary Record, *q*.
 *Health Department Monthly Report, *m*.
 *Herald of the Golden Age, *m*.
 *Home and Flowers, *m*.
 *Hospital Leaflet, *m*.
 Illustrated London News, *w*.
 Illustration, L', *w*.
 Illustrierte Zeitung, *w*.
 Independent, *w*.
 *Indian's Friend, *m*.
 Inland Architect, *m*.
 International Journal of Ethics, *q*.
 International Quarterly, *q*.
 International Studio, *m*.
 *Johns Hopkins University Circulars, *irregular*.
 Johns Hopkins University Studies in Historical and Political Science, *numbered series*.
 Journal of American Folk Lore, *q*.
 Journal of Biblical Literature, *irregular*.
 Journal of Education, *w*.
 Journal of Geology, *m*.
 Journal of Political Economy, *q*.
 Journal of the American Chemical Society, *m*.
 *Journal of the Association of Engineering Societies, *m*.
 *Journal of the Association of Military Surgeons, *m*.
 Journal of the Franklin Institute, *m*.
 Journal of the Institution of Electrical Engineers, *irregular*.
 Journal of the Royal Statistical Society, *q*.
 Journal of the Society of Chemical Industry, *f*.
 Journal of the Western Society of Engineers, *bi-m*.
 *Journal of Zoophily, *m*.
 Judge, *w*.
 Kindergarten Magazine, *m*.
 Knowledge, *m*.
 Ksiakzka, *m*.
 Ladies' Home Journal, *m*.
 Lamp, *m*.
 *Latin Leaflet, *w*.
 *Le Couteulx Leader, *w*.
 Library, *q*.
 Library Journal, *m*.
 Library World, *m*.
 Life, *w*.
 Lippincott's Magazine, *m*.
 Literary News, *m*.
 Literary World, *m*.
 Littell's Living Age, *w*.
 Litterarische Echo, Das, *f*.
 Little Chronicle, *w*.
 Little Folks, *m*.
 Locomotive Engineering, *m*.
 McClure's Magazine, *m*.
 Macmillan's Magazine, *m*.
 Magazine of Art, *m*.
 Manual Training Magazine, *q*.
 Marine Review, *w*.
 *Masten Park Chronicle, *q*.

* Gift.

- Merchants' Association Review, *m.*
 Mind, *q.*
 *Mines and Minerals, *m.*
 Missionary Review, *m.*
 Modern Language Association of American Publications, *q.*
 Monist, *q.*
 *Monthly Bulletin of the Bureau of American Republics, *m.*
 Monthly Cumulative Book Index, *m.*
 *Monthly Gazette of English Literature, *m.*
 Monthly Review, *m.*
 Municipal Affairs, *q.*
 Municipal Engineering, *m.*
 Munsey's Magazine, *m.*
 Muse, *m.*
 *Mutual Underwriter, *m.*
 Nation, *w.*
 *National Geographic Magazine, *m.*
 National Review, *m.*
 Nature, *w.*
 *New Century Path, *w.*
 New England Historical and Genealogical Register, *q.*
 New England Magazine, *m.*
 New York Genealogical and Biographical Record, *q.*
 Nineteenth Century, *m.*
 North American Review, *m.*
 Notes and Queries, *w.*
 *Occidental Medical Times, *m.*
 *Official Gazette of the U. S. Patent Office, *w.*
 Official Railway Guide, *m.*
 Open Court, *m.*
 *Open Window, *m.*
 *Our Record, *m.*
 Outing, *m.*
 Outlook, *w.*
 Outlook (English), *w.*
 Overland Monthly, *m.*
 Pacific Municipalities, *m.*
 Pall Mall Magazine, *m.*
 Pedagogical Seminary, *q.*
 Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography, *q.*
 Petermann's Mitteilungen, *m.*
 Petermann's Mitteilungen Ergänzungsheft, *numbered series.*
 Philistine, *m.*
 Philosophical Magazine, *m.*
 Philosophical Review, *bi-m.*
 *Phonetic Journal, *w.*
 *Plant World, *m.*
 Political Science Quarterly, *q.*
 Popular Astronomy, *m.*
 *Popular Mechanics, *w.*
 Popular Science Monthly, *m.*
 Postal Record, *m.*
 Power, *m.*
 Printers' Ink, *w.*
 *Progress, *w.*
 Psychological Review, *bi-m.*
 Public Libraries, *m.*
 Public Library Monthly, *m.*
 Public Opinion, *w.*
 *Public, The, *w.*
 Publishers' Weekly, *w.*
 Puck, *w.*
 Punch, *w.*
 Quarterly Bibliography of Books Reviewed, *q.*
 Quarterly Journal of Economics, *q.*

- Quarterly Review, *q*.
 Records of the Past, *m*.
 Repertoire Bibliographique de la
 Librairie Française, *m*.
 Review of Reviews (English
 ed.), *m*.
 Revue des Deux Mondes, *f*.
 St. Nicholas, *m*.
 *Salvation, *m*.
 Saturday Evening Post, *w*.
 Saturday Review, *w*.
 School Review, *m*.
 Science, *w*.
 Science Abstracts, *m*.
 Scientific American, *w*.
 Scientific American Building Edi-
 tion, *m*.
 Scientific American Supplement,
w.
 Scottish Geographical Magazine,
m.
 Scribner's Magazine, *m*.
 *Search-Light, *m*.
 *Signs of the Times, *w*.
 *Single Tax Review, *q*.
 Social Service, *m*.
 Society for Psychical Research,
 Proceedings, *irregular*.
 *Sound Currency, *m*.
 *Southern Field, *q*.
 *Special Consular Reports, *num-*
bered series.
 Spectator, *w*.
 Strand, *m*.
 Sunday School Times, *w*.
 *Sunset, *m*.
 *Technology Review, *q*.
- Telephone Magazine, *m*.
 Temple Bar, *m*.
 Theosophical Review, *m*.
 *Topical Architecture, *m*.
 Trained Nurse, *m*.
 *Triumphs of Faith, *m*.
 Truth, *w*.
 Tygodnik Ilustrowany, *w*.
 Ueber Land und Meer, *w*.
 United Service, *m*.
 *U. S. Department of Agricul-
 ture, Climate and Crop Service,
 New York, *m*.
 *U. S. Department of Agricul-
 ture, Climate and Crop Service,
 West Virginia, *m*.
 *U. S. Labor Department Bulle-
 tins, *bi-m*.
 *U. S. Monthly Weather Review,
m.
 U. S. Naval Institute, Proceed-
 ings, *q*.
 U. S. Postal Guide, *m*.
 *U. S. Statistical Bureau Monthly
 Summary, *m*.
 *Vassar Miscellany, *m*.
 *Vegetarian, *m*.
 *Volne Listy, *m*.
 Vom Fels zum Meer, *f*.
 Week's Progress, *w*.
 Westermann's Monatshefte, *m*.
 Westminster Review, *m*.
 World's Work, *m*.
 Yale Review, *q*.
 Youth's Companion, *w*.
 *Youth's Instructor, *w*.
 *Zion's Watch Tower, *f*.

* Gift.

SUMMARY.

Monthly,	174
Weekly,	68
Quarterly,	42
Fortnightly,	8
Bi-monthly,	8
Numbered,	4
Irregular,	8
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Total,	312

APPENDIX G.

Periodicals in Newspaper Room.

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|---|---|
| Albany Journal, <i>d.</i> | Illinois Staats-Zeitung, <i>d.</i> |
| Atlanta Constitution, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i> | Illustrated London News, <i>w.</i> |
| Baltimore American, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i> | Judge, <i>w.</i> |
| Boston Herald, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i> | Kansas City Star, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i> |
| Boston Transcript, <i>d.</i> | *Lancaster Enterprise, <i>w.</i> |
| Brooklyn Eagle, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i> | Life, <i>w.</i> |
| *Buffalo Arbeiter-Zeitung, <i>w.</i> | London Times, <i>w.</i> |
| Buffalo Chronicle, <i>w.</i> | Louisville Courier-Journal, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i> |
| Buffalo Commercial, <i>d.</i> | |
| Buffalo Courier, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i> | Milwaukee Sentinel, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i> |
| Buffalo Demokrat, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i> | Montreal Star, <i>d.</i> |
| Buffalo Enquirer, <i>d.</i> | *National Odd Fellow, <i>w.</i> |
| Buffalo Express, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i> | New Orleans Picayune, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i> |
| Buffalo Freie Presse, <i>d.</i> | New York Evening Post, <i>d.</i> |
| Buffalo News, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i> | New York Herald, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i> |
| *Buffalo Polak w Ameryce, <i>w.</i> | New York Staats-Zeitung, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i> |
| Buffalo Times, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i> | New York Sun, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i> |
| Buffalo Tribune, <i>w.</i> | New York Times, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i> |
| Buffalo Volksfreund, <i>d.</i> | New York Tribune, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i> |
| *Catholic Union and Times, <i>w.</i> | *New Yorker Volkszeitung, <i>d.</i> |
| Chicago Record-Herald, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i> | Omaha Bee, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i> |
| Chicago Tribune, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i> | Philadelphia North American, <i>d.</i> |
| *Christian Intelligencer, <i>w.</i> | and <i>s.</i> |
| *Christian Register, <i>w.</i> | Philadelphia Press, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i> |
| Cincinnati Enquirer, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i> | Pittsburg Dispatch, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i> |
| Cleveland Plain Dealer, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i> | *Progress, <i>w.</i> |
| *Corriere Italiano, <i>w.</i> | Puck, <i>w.</i> |
| Denver News, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i> | Rochester Democrat and Chron- |
| Detroit Free Press, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i> | icle, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i> |
| *Erie County Independent, <i>w.</i> | Rochester Post-Express, <i>d.</i> |
| Forest and Stream, <i>w.</i> | Rural New Yorker, <i>w.</i> |
| *Gazeta Buffaloska, <i>w.</i> | *St. Andrew's Cross, <i>m.</i> |
| *Gazeta Pittsburgska, <i>w.</i> | St. Louis Globe-Democrat, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i> |
| Harper's Weekly, <i>w.</i> | |

* Gift.

St. Paul Pioneer Press, <i>d</i> and <i>s</i> .	Toledo Blade, <i>d</i> .
San Francisco Chronicle, <i>d</i> . and <i>s</i> .	Toronto Globe, <i>d</i> .
*School, <i>w</i> .	Utica Press, <i>d</i> .
*Socialistische Arbeiter-Zeitung, <i>w</i> .	*Vorwärts, <i>w</i> .
Springfield Republican, <i>d</i> . and <i>s</i> .	Washington Post, <i>d</i> . and <i>s</i> .
*Springville Journal and Herald, <i>w</i> .	*Weekly People, <i>w</i> .
Syracuse Post-Standard, <i>d</i> .	Westen, <i>w</i> .
	*Westfield Republican, <i>w</i> .
	*Worker, <i>w</i> .

* Gift.

APPENDIX H.

Grammar School Libraries, 1903.

School.	Street.	Libraries.	Books.	Months. Used.	Circulation.
3	Perry,	10	370	9	2,029
5	Seneca,	15	659	9	5,292
6	S. Division,	15	660	9	6,654
7	S. Bailey,	15	615	9	7,188
9	Bailey,	28	1,263	9	12,954
10	Delaware,	10	410	9	2,827
13	Oak,	10	460	9	3,532
14	Franklin,	9	412	9	3,356
15	Oak,	19	894	9	9,222
17	N. Main,	24	1,105	9	11,927
18	School,	26	1,146	9	14,342
19	West,	25	1,125	9	9,488
20	Amherst,	15	700	9	6,036
21	Hertel,	4	186	9	2,498
22	N. Main,	6	274	9	2,528
23	E. Delevan,	10	455	9	6,022
24	Fillmore,	33	1,505	4	7,759
25	Lewis,	13	565	9	4,884
26	Milton,	23	1,035	9	8,784
27	Mineral Springs,	19	820	4	5,673
28	Abbott Road,	17	780	4	4,362
33	Elk,	17	745	9	5,515
36	Day's Park,	10	460	9	4,660
37	Carlton,	28	1,230	9	13,641
39	High,	29	1,280	9	11,000
43	Gold,	28	1,241	9	19,206
44	Broadway,	25	1,100	9	16,757
47	Hickory,	14	625	9	7,981
49	Vermont,	14	635	9	6,983
50	Eagle,	12	520	9	9,538
51	Hertel,	16	743	9	6,581
52	Bird,	24	1,036	9	13,156
53	Winslow,	24	936	9	12,084
55	Guilford,	24	1,045	9	9,398
56	Elmwood,	18	831	9	7,592
58	Rother,	23	940	9	13,733
59	Glenwood,	17	735	9	5,191
60	Ontario,	15	681	9	4,769
Practice,	Normal,	9	415	9	4,723
Totals,		693	30,643		309,874

APPENDIX J.

Traveling Libraries.

				NUMBER BOOKS.
1908.				
Jan.	7.	Church Home,	General,	56
"	20.	Truant School,	General,	40
"	21.	Maple Street Chapel, . .	General,	40
"	22.	Trenton Avenue Chapel, .	General,	30
"	24.	Lebanon Young Men's Club,	General,	40
"	26.	Academy of the Sacred Heart,	General,	30
Mar.	13.	Central High School, Miss		
		Karnes,	Electricity,	64
"	13.	Central High School, Mr.		
		Vogt,	French History, . .	10
"	18.	Buffalo Seminary, Miss Beers,	Biography,	20
"	24.	Erie County Hospital, . .	General,	30
Apr.	1.	East Presbyterian S. S., .	General,	50
"	2.	St. Andrew's Guild House,	General,	44
"	2.	School No. 10, Miss Nye, .	General,	13
"	2.	Dr. Gleason, 307 Mortimer		
		Street,	General,	75
"	8.	Mrs. Butterson, 16 Tow-path,	General,	20
"	14.	Father Sloan, 348 Porter		
		Avenue,	Astronomy,	8
"	15.	German Y. M. C. A., . .	General,	34
"	20.	Buffalo Seminary, Miss Un-		
		derwood,	Greek History, . .	8
"	20.	Lebanon Young Men's Club,	General,	81
"	20.	Lebanon Y. P. S. C. E., .	General,	50
"	20.	First United Presbyterian		
		S. S.,	General,	80
"	22.	Buffalo Seminary, Miss		
		Thayer,	English History, . .	6
May	1.	Ingleside Home,	General,	27
"	9.	Truant School,	General,	30
"	19.	Zion House,	General,	70
Sept.	14.	Women's Union, Mrs. Mil-		
		inowski,	Education,	20

				NUMBER BOOKS.
1908.				
Sept.	14.	Normal School, Miss Dun-		
		ton,	American History, .	17
"	22.	Buffalo Seminary, Miss Burn-		
		side,	Art,	17
"	23.	First Congregational Church,	Religion,	15
"	23.	St. Paul's Parish House, .	General,	60
"	23.	Buffalo Seminary, Miss Car-		
		roll,	History,	40
"	24.	Kensington Study Club, .	History,	21
"	25.	St. Margaret's School, Miss		
		Canfield,	Art,	13
"	28.	St. Paul's Men's Club, . .	General,	43
"	29.	St. Margaret's School, Mrs.		
		Van Winkle,	History,	26
"	29.	St. Margaret's School, Miss		
		Griffin,	History,	13
Oct.	2.	St. Margaret's School, Miss		
		Fiske,	History,	25
"	2.	Highland Park L. C., . .	French History, . .	17
"	2.	Lebanon Y. P. S. C. E., .	General,	60
"	5.	School No. 31, Miss Cotter,	General,	11
"	5.	Parkside Unitarian S. S., .	General,	60
"	6.	Academy of the Sacred		
		Heart,	General,	48
"	12.	Lafayette High School, Miss		
		Davis,	General,	43
"	12.	Lafayette High School, Miss		
		Hirschfield,	General,	76
"	14.	Bethlehem S. S.,	General,	104
"	14.	Truant School,	General,	35
"	19.	St. Margaret's School, Miss		
		Canfield,	Architecture,	28
"	20.	Mrs. Max Block, 754 Au-		
		burn Avenue,	Religion,	10
"	21.	Canisius College,	Psychology,	16
"	22.	Lafayette High School, Mr.		
		Smith,	General,	30
"	31.	Normal School, Miss Dun-		
		ton,	History,	12

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			NUMBER BOOKS.
1908.			
Oct.	31.	Highland Park L. C., . . .	French History, . . . 33
Nov.	1.	Erie Club, 44 Chapin Block,	General, 136
"	2.	St. Margaret's School, Miss Mettey,	Literature, 5
"	3.	Zion House,	General, 71
"	4.	School No. 31, Miss Cham- bers,	American History, . . 6
"	4.	School No. 31, Miss Rose, .	American History, . . 7
"	5.	First United Presbyterian S. S.,	General, 98
"	5.	Lafayette High School, Miss Freeman,	General, 18
"	10.	School No. 2, Miss Hoeffler,	Picture Books, . . . 19
"	11.	St. Margaret's School, Miss Fiske,	Colonial Life, . . . 4
"	14.	Neighborhood House, . . .	General, 60
"	14.	Glenwood Avenue Baptist S. S.,	General, 61
"	19.	Children's Hospital, . . .	General, 24
"	21.	Erie County Hospital, . . .	General, 81
"	28.	Canisius College,	General, 27
"	30.	School No. 16, Miss Van Arsdale,	U. S. History, . . . 17
"	30.	School No. 10, Miss Hagerty,	General, 38
Dec.	2.	Ingleside Home,	General, 24
"	8.	Buffalo Seminary, Miss Burn- side,	Art, 11
"	14.	German Y. M. C. A., . . .	General, 58
"	14.	Truant School,	General, 36
"	17.	General Hospital,	General, 25
"	21.	Lebanon Y. P. S. C. E., . .	General, 100
"	21.	Masten Park High School, Mrs. Stickney,	Art, 10
Total,			2,730

Firemen.

	NUMBER BOOKS.
Engine No. 2,	24
“ “ 3 and Truck No. 3,	24
“ “ 4,	24
“ “ 5,	24
“ “ 6,	24
“ “ 8,	24
“ “ 11 and Truck No. 4,	24
“ “ 12,	24
“ “ 14,	24
“ “ 15,	24
“ “ 16,	24
“ “ 17,	24
“ “ 18,	24
“ “ 19,	24
“ “ 20,	24
“ “ 21 and Truck No. 6,	24
“ “ 22,	24
“ “ 23,	24
“ “ 24,	24
“ “ 25,	24
“ “ 26,	24
“ “ 27,	24
“ “ 28,	24
“ “ 29,	24
“ “ 31,	24
Chemical No. 3,	24
“ “ 4,	24
“ “ 5,	24
“ “ 6,	24
Hook and Ladder No. 5,	24
“ “ “ “ 7,	24
“ “ “ “ 8,	24
“ “ “ “ 9,	24
Total,	792

APPENDIX K.

Delivery Stations.

A.—Y. M. C. A. Building, Broadway and Bailey Avenue.

EDWARD KETTLE, *Keeper.*

B.—Keller & Deuchler's Drug Store, 757 Seneca Street.

A. J. KELLER, *Keeper.*

C.—White's Bookstore, 1423 Main Street.

E. R. WHITE, *Keeper.*

D.—Crandall's Pharmacy, 72 Forest Avenue.

FRANK L. CRANDALL, *Keeper.*

E.—Franke's Drug Store, 1834 Niagara Street.

JOHN A. FRANKE, *Keeper.*

F.—Hermann's News Store, 2648 Main Street.

JOHN F. HERMANN, *Keeper.*

G.—Hodson's Drug Store, Seneca and Elk streets.

J. W. HODSON, *Keeper.*

H.—Krummell's News Store, 2340 Seneca Street.

W. L. KRUMMELL, *Keeper.*

APPENDIX L.

Classified Contents of Branches.

WESTMINISTER HOUSE.

ENGLISH.

Classed books,	216	
Fiction,	322	
Total,		538

GERMAN.

Fairy tales,	1	
Fiction,	63	
Total,		64
Grand Total,		602

WELCOME HALL.

Classed books,	301	
Fiction,	371	
Children's picture books,	26	
Total,		698

IVES BRANCH.

ENGLISH.

Philosophy,	13	
Religion,	17	
Fairy and folk tales,	74	
Sociology,	77	
Philology,	5	
Science,	75	
Useful arts,	31	
Fine arts,	31	
Literature,	172	
History,	135	
Travel,	124	
Biography,	47	
Fiction,	1,032	
Total,		1,883

GERMAN.

Classed books,	124	
Fiction,	255	
Total,		379

POLISH.

Classed books,	787	
Fiction,	946	
Periodical numbers,	56	
Total,		1,789
Reference books,		32
Grand Total,		4,033

JOS. P. DUDLEY BRANCH.

Philosophy, ethics,	21	
Religion,	31	
Fairy and folk tales,	25	
Sociology,	64	
Philology,	3	
Science,	78	
Useful arts,	41	
Fine arts, amusements,	41	
Literature,	211	
History,	155	
Travel,	111	
Biography,	86	
Fiction,	883	
Total,		1,750
Reference books,		5
Grand Total,		1,755

LAFAYETTE BRANCH.

Philosophy,	30
Religion,	38
Sociology,	51
Philology,	6
Science,	80

Useful arts,	28
Fine arts,	48
Literature,	269
History,	175
Travel,	104
Biography,	145
Fiction,	700
Total,	<hr/> 1,674
Reference books,	3
Grand Total,	<hr/> 1,677

APPENDIX M.

STAFF.

GENERAL.

Henry L. Elmendorf,	<i>Superintendent.</i>
Walter L. Brown,	<i>Assistant Superintendent.</i>
William Ives,	<i>Librarian.</i>
Mrs. H. L. Elmendorf,	<i>Special Bibliographer.</i>
Mrs. B. S. Fulton,	<i>Sup't Circulating Department.</i>
William P. Reed,	<i>Treasurer.</i>
Ella B. Gartland,	<i>Stenographer.</i>

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Mary J. Briggs,	Alice I. Hazeltine,
Ella G. Christey,	Josephine Tuckerman.

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Helen M. Johnson,	Belle Meyer.

BINDERY, RECORD AND REPAIR.

Harriet E. Provoost,	Elizabeth Eckner.
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Madge Colt,	George E. Mayo,
Bennet Davis,	M. Elizabeth Schanzlin,
Caroline Galligan,	Marinda S. White,
Florence S. Hall,	Nellie A. Whitman,
Rosamond Joslyn,	Alice G. Wightman.
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 Lewis M. Parsons, Page.

DELIVERY STATIONS.

James P. Fowler, Mary Ellen Blossom.

SCHOOLS AND BRANCHES.

Grace Delphine Rose, *Head*,
 Grace Huffner, in charge Jos. P. Dudley Branch,
 Russell J. Forbes, in charge Lafayette Branch,
 Mary E. Standbridge, in charge William Ives Branch,
 Edward Fischer, Harry N. Parsons,
 Joseph Friedman, Mabel L. Rushworth,
 Mrs. Josepha Kudlicka, Charles Shear.

REGISTRY DEPARTMENT.

William Rankin, Iva M. Alexander.

PERIODICAL DEPARTMENT.

Mrs. Stella M. Ransom, *Head*, Rose E. Chamberlin.

NEWSPAPER DEPARTMENT.

Sara P. Sheldon, *Head*, Frank L. Parks.

SHELF DEPARTMENT.

Robert Ramsey, *Head*, Jesse Mehnert,
 William B. Lipphardt, Charles Thries,
 William McIntosh, John Wheelock.

ENGINEER AND JANITOR.

John Krieg.

Two Assistants,

Five Women.

CHECK ROOM.

Charles Fulton.

ELEVATOR.

John Hickey.

SPECIAL OFFICER.

Madison E. Grantier.

LIBRARY DEPARTMENTS AND HOURS.

READING, REFERENCE, AND PERIODICAL ROOMS.

Week days, 9 A. M. to 9 P. M.
Sundays and holidays, 11 A. M. to 9 P. M.

CIRCULATING DEPARTMENT.

Every day, except Sundays and holidays, . . . 9 A. M. to 9 P. M.

NEWSPAPER ROOM.

Week days, 8.30 A. M. to 9 P. M.
Sundays and holidays, 8.30 A. M. to 7 P. M.

CHILDREN'S ROOM.

Monday to Friday, 2.30 to 6 P. M.
Saturdays, 9 A. M. to 6 P. M.
Sundays, 2 to 6 P. M.
Holidays, except Christmas and Fourth of July, 11 A. M. to 6 P. M.

WILLIAM IVES BRANCH, 746 Broadway.

Week days, 2 P. M. to 9 P. M.

JOS. P. DUDLEY BRANCH, 508 South Park Avenue.

Week days, 2 P. M. to 9 P. M.

LAFAYETTE BRANCH, Lafayette High School.

For pupils of the school, During school hours.
For general public, week days, 2 P. M. to 4 P. M.

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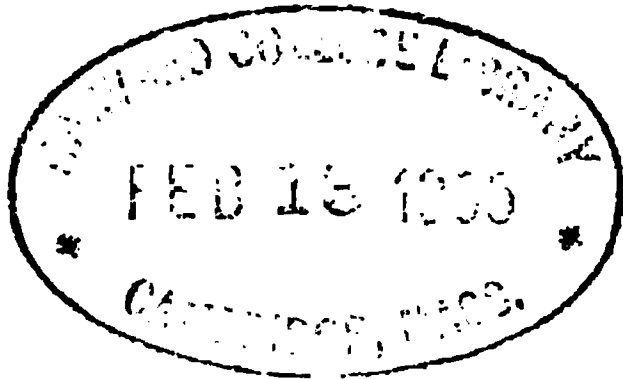
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BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

1904.

REPRESENTATIVES OF THE BUFFALO LIBRARY.

JOSEPH P. DUDLEY, term expires 1905.
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WALTER P. COOKE, " " 1907.
GEORGE L. WILLIAMS, " " 1908.
THOMAS T. RAMSDELL, " " 1909.

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The Mayor, ERASTUS C. KNIGHT.
The Corporation Counsel, CHARLES L. FELDMAN.
The Superintendent of Education, HENRY P. EMERSON.

APPOINTED BY THE MAYOR.

MATHIAS ROHR, term expires 1905.
FREDERICK C. HUMBURCH, term expires 1907.

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President, JOSEPH P. DUDLEY.
Vice-President, GEORGE L. WILLIAMS.
Treasurer, WILLIAM P. REED.
Secretary, HENRY L. ELMENDORF.

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JOSEPH P. DUDLEY,
GEORGE L. WILLIAMS,
MATHIAS ROHR,
WALTER P. COOKE.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

To the Honorable the Common Council of the City of Buffalo:

GENTLEMEN,—I have the honor to hand you herewith, according to law, the annual report of the Buffalo Public Library, covering the year 1904, and showing the condition of all departments of the same to December 31, 1904.

This report consists of the detailed statements of the Treasurer, Mr. William P. Reed, with Auditor's certificate attached, and the report of the Superintendent of the Library, Mr. H. L. Elmendorf. These reports have been submitted to the Board of Directors, carefully examined by the Board, and adopted as the annual report to the City.

I desire to call your special attention to certain items of the report which bear upon the question of the amount you will appropriate for the library's maintenance for the coming year.

Reference to the statistics shows the increased use of the library in all its departments. No institution of the city comes into closer touch with the whole population than the library, and there is none that the whole people regard with greater pride and esteem. To maintain the efficiency and increase the usefulness of this institution it seems necessary that it should have more money than was given it last year, and after careful consideration, in view of the special and extraordinary wants of the coming year, the Board has determined to ask you to appropriate for the coming year four-fifths of five one-hundredths of one per cent. of the assessed valuation of the City. This, we estimate, will give us about \$100,000, or \$21,000 more than was appropriated last year.

For a number of years the library has been getting four-fifths of four one-hundredths of one per cent. on the valuation. Last year, relying upon the natural increase by the growth of the city, two new branch libraries were opened. This natural increase would have given us \$3,000 more than the year before, just about paying the cost of the new branches. After the Comptroller and both branches of the City Council had passed the appropriation at the figures expected, His

Honor, the Mayor, included the library in his general deduction of 5 per cent., which resulted, instead of giving the library \$3,000 more than the year before, in cutting the amount \$1,600 below the last year's figures. This greatly hampered the work, and made various economies necessary, such as the abandonment of one of the delivery stations, the closing of the Lafayette Branch during the summer months, and in reducing the amount that could be spent for books.

Extensive repairs and alterations in the library building are necessary. The roof and gutters need repairs, which are estimated to cost about \$1,600. The refitting of the rooms formerly occupied by the Art Gallery for library use will cost in the neighborhood of \$10,000, and more book stacks, to cost about \$2,000, must be supplied.

These expenditures seem to us to be absolutely necessary, but even more important is the extension of the work in educational lines. Buffalo leads all other cities in the number of books circulated through the schools by the library, but as yet we have been able to supply only thirty-nine out of the sixty-one schools. If our request for the money to do it is granted, this work will be extended just as far as the amount will go. Many additions to the stock of books are desirable, both for the permanent collection, now one of the best in the country, and also to the regular circulating library.

The library deserves your liberality and confidence. It is economically, skillfully, and efficiently managed. It is appreciated at home and admired abroad. It exerts a powerful interest for good over the young, and supplies both useful information and pleasant recreation for all the people.

We look to your wise liberality to supply this institution with the money to carry its work to the highest possible good of the whole city.

For the Board of Directors,

(Signed)

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH P. DUDLEY,

President.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Statement of the Treasurer of the Buffalo Public Library from
January 1, 1904, to January 1, 1905.

RECEIPTS.

Balance, January 1, 1904,	\$ 207.42
City of Buffalo,	77,332.62
Interest from the Buffalo Library permanent fund, . .	4,403.66
Fines, etc.,	3,372.69
State of New York,	300.00
School fund,	3,267.70
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	\$88,884.09

EXPENDITURES.

Books,	\$17,302.86
Periodicals,	1,374.37
Binding,	6,810.02
Printing,	567.34
Library supplies,	1,081.91
Fuel,	2,889.75
Light,	3,967.50
Insurance,	1,470.42
Building,	1,299.47
Miscellaneous,	2,929.84
Salaries: Library employees,	40,812.21
Salaries: Building employees,	5,824.42
Delivery stations,	1,236.17
Branches,	1,098.49
Balance, January 1, 1905,	219.32
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	\$88,884.09

WILLIAM P. REED, *Treasurer.*

BUFFALO, Jan. 20, 1905.

I have examined the books and vouchers of Mr. William P. Reed, Treasurer of the Buffalo Public Library, and find the same correct. The examination covers the period from January 1, 1904, to January 1, 1905.

WILLIAM D. INGERSOLL,
Accountant and Auditor.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

To the Board of Directors of the Buffalo Public Library:

GENTLEMEN,—I have the honor to present the eighth annual report of the Superintendent of the Buffalo Public Library, covering the year 1904, the sixty-ninth since the founding of the Buffalo Library.

The annual meeting of the library staff was held January 9, 1905, at which the head of each department presented and read a report of the work of his department. These reports are filed among the permanent records of the library, and form the basis of this report. To make comparison easy, the report follows closely the order of former years.

REGISTRATION.

The total number of borrowers' cards in force January 1, 1905, was 58,582, or 2,011 more than a year ago. New registration numbered 10,921, and there were 6,667 renewals.

(See Appendix A.)

CONTENTS OF THE LIBRARY.

The last report showed a total of bound volumes in the	
library, January 1, 1904,	206,582
Added by purchase,	20,897
Added by gift,	805
Added by binding,	531
Added by exchange,	958
Recovered, formerly reported as lost,	32
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Total additions,	23,223
Deductions—charged, but not returned,	80
Lost in 1901-1904,	532
Lost and paid for,	103
Reported lost, but not yet paid for,	19
Worn out and withdrawn,	17,076
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Total withdrawals,	17,810

Net additions,	5,413
Total permanent collection,	211,995
Duplicate collection not catalogued and not in use,	2,587
Total bound volumes, January 1, 1905,	214,582
Maps and plans,	1,360
Coast survey charts,	611
Sheet music,	14,352
Pamphlets,	18,851

(See Appendix B.)

CIRCULATION.

Total circulation for home use,	1,170,155
Increase over previous year,	84,633
Largest number in one day, Main Library,	5,088
Smallest number in one day, Main Library,	1,499
Days open,	308
Daily average, Main Library,	2,087
Daily average, outside agencies, including branches, delivery stations, and traveling libraries,	623
Daily average through class-room libraries in public schools,	1,961
Daily average circulation, including all departments,	3,800
Percentage of fiction, including children's stories and fiction in foreign languages, . . . . .	.649
Reduction in fiction percentage, . . . . .	.005

(See Appendix C.)

OPEN-SHELF DEPARTMENT.

For several years the report of this department has been rounded off with the hope, more or less confidently expressed, of having "more room for scope" the coming year. We regret that the annual sentiment is still only a hope, but trust that this year may see its realization. It has not, however, been necessary to wait for "more room" to develop somewhat "more scope." The statistics for the year show growth in many ways. The number of volumes in the collection has increased from 18,792 to 20,079. The circulation for the year amounts to 260,827, a gain of 17,371 over 1903.

This gives an average of thirteen times that each book of the collection has been taken home, and as each book has been seen and handled in selection, presumably read.

This collection is constantly revised, care being taken to add new editions and attractive reissues of old favorites. The posting of brief notices of new books on the bulletin board near the new book shelves has proved attractive and effective, the criticisms being really read, as the frequent inquiry for the books thus noticed evidences.

In October an experiment was started which has proved a success. About fifty books were placed in a special case, with a clearly printed sign:

“Some interesting books. These are not fiction and may be drawn on either card.”

This case was popular at once, and its popularity did not wane with its novelty, as we feared it might. During the twelve weeks of its trial the circulation has averaged 190 volumes a week, and one week attained the remarkable output of 306 volumes. The original selection of fifty is each day made up to about the original number, all the books being most carefully chosen, as setting them apart in this way amounts to a direct recommendation, but the result proves again that the best may also be the popular. The vital books, those which touch human life and experience most closely, something about the world around us, something with an uplift, Shakespeare, great poetry and the old romances, these always appeal. We think that as the direct result of this experiment more borrowers are using both their cards; we know that the young boys find something here that they like, and we are proud of giving an occasional suggestion to even the daily visitor who claims that he “has read everything.”

The use of the German and French collection is constant. A large addition of foreign books was made in November, which has been appreciated.

The erection of the Lafayette Hotel building cut off much of the natural light, and made it necessary to put in more electric lights, but still more are needed. This is the library's great reading room, and plenty of light adds immeasurably to the comfort of its guests and its own cheer.

Almost every day brings inquiry from our own people and from other libraries for a printed catalogue of the collection. This we have not, as yet, been able to issue on account of the labor and expense involved. The Board has, however, authorized the publication, and we shall print the list as soon as we are able. It will contain not only a list of authors and titles, but annotations on all books which seem to need explanation or comment. Literary notices signed by those who are considered authorities on the various subjects have been collected by members of the staff in preparation for this work, which we reckon as the most important in the literary line that the library has ever attempted.

The intelligent helpfulness, efficiency, and courtesy of the staff of this department is much to be commended. They add to the ordinary requirements of good library assistants, rare literary knowledge, taste and instinct.

(See Appendix D.)

CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT.

Here the circulation was 82,118, a falling off from the year before of 2,507. This does not indicate a decrease in children's reading, but merely that the great increase in school use and the opening of two new branches have had their effect on the children's room of the Main Library. Reference use has greatly increased, particularly in connection with the children's essays on the subjects assigned by the Humane Society. Some change must be made regulating the number of children that come to the library at a given time for this work. Most of the boys and girls put off writing their compositions until the last possible moment, and for some weeks the library rooms, fitted for about one hundred children, have from two to five hundred every afternoon. All could be comfortably managed if the required date was a different one in separate schools.

The rooms need new painting and more light, both of which are on the program for the coming year.

The head of the department has made a number of addresses on children's reading and the work of her department. She has spoken acceptably to the Kindergarten Mothers' Club at Bethesda Sunday School, at Watson House, at School No. 1, to the Women's Club at Westminster House, to the North Tonawanda Mothers' Club, and to the Twentieth Century Club. These talks seem to

have been practical and suggestive, and have resulted in stimulating interest of those entrusted with children as to what kind of books the young people read.

The total number of books in the department numbers 8,080, about the same as last year, and they were read on an average of ten times for each book.

The regular activities of the department, such as the bulletins and the story-telling hour, have been kept up with interest and profit.

(See Appendix E.)

REFERENCE DEPARTMENT.

Little can be reported in regard to this department except to record healthy growth in its use and valuable additions to its stock of books. For years it has been necessary to comment on the lack of room. The department is to be moved to the rooms of the Art Gallery as soon as the Fine Arts Academy moves to the new Albright Gallery, which is promised in the near future. Here it is hoped to maintain something of the quiet dignity of a scholarly library appropriate to the great work done. Our room at present every afternoon, in its crowd and hurry, looks more like the bargain counter of a department store than the great reference library which it really is.

The assistants in charge have gained much expertness in quickly finding and furnishing desired information, and very often cordially expressed thanks have been offered for valuable help.

PERIODICAL DEPARTMENT.

The number of periodicals remains about the same as last year, 310, of which 214 are bound. The attendance is between 250 and 300 daily. The beautiful light makes this one of the most attractive rooms in our building.

(See Appendix F.)

NEWSPAPER DEPARTMENT.

Seventy-six papers are regularly received. The local papers and one New York daily are bound and preserved. Our files of bound newspapers are becoming increasingly valuable, and the need of a

more convenient and more accessible place for these bound volumes is very great. The daily attendance averaged 260.

(See Appendix G.)

CATALOGUE DEPARTMENT.

This department reports that 20,052 volumes and 885 pamphlets have been shelf-listed, and those new to the library have been catalogued. Thirteen thousand seven hundred and thirty-eight volumes and 3,338 picture books have been withdrawn, literally read to pieces and worn out. The dictionary catalogue has been increased by 34,800 cards, and now numbers 207,500 cards. It includes all books purchased since August 1, 1898, and something over half of the 86,000 volumes of the old Buffalo Library. The need of a full catalogue and the constant drag of this back work, which seems as hopeless as the paying of an old debt, leads me to recommend a strong effort and the employment of more help to complete the task this year. Eleven thousand six hundred and ninety-two cards printed by the Library of Congress were used, at a cost of \$94.85. These cards are better than we could make ourselves, on account of bibliographic information not at hand with us, and by being printed, as contrasted with our typewriting. The estimated saving in cost is about \$400.

As a depository library we have the card catalogue of the Library of Congress so far as it has been printed. Our set is more complete than any other library set, except that of the New York Public Library, ours having been the duplicate set of the Library of Congress. This catalogue is accessible to the public.

Six new lists of additions have been printed, including one list in Polish.

The new catalogue room proves very convenient, and will be still more completely equipped when a service elevator is put in from the stacks to the reference room, with opening to the catalogue room.

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ORDER AND ACCESSION DEPARTMENT.

The changes made last year were very successful, and the work of this department more satisfactory than ever before. The cataloguing of English fiction has been united with this department to relieve the catalogue department and help it to catch up on the uncatalogued portion of the library.

BINDING.

Total number volumes bound,	20,946
Magazines bound in board,	1,894
Magazines and pamphlets bound in manila,	1,029
Total cost of binding,	\$6,810.02

This seems to show the full capacity of our bindery as now organized. It has been pushed to the limit of its ability, and now has on hand more than 2,000 volumes in process, about 2,500 waiting their turn, and many very valuable old magazines deteriorating for want of the binder's attention. With more room, it is to be supposed that it will be possible to get more work done.

SCHOOLS.

With the decreased appropriation for the library's maintenance it was impossible to add to the number of schools to be supplied with class-room libraries, though a number applied to the Public Library to be included in its system. There are now 697 grade libraries, containing 30,063 books, with a home circulation of 335,415, an increase of 25,541 over the previous year. This is a turnover of eleven times for each book, and the more remarkable considering the short school year of less than ten months.

The wear of the books is necessarily very destructive and the expense of replacement considerable, but no money spent by the city for education tells more surely, or will be more effective in promoting the city's future prosperity, intelligence, and content.

It should be a matter of civic pride that in this field Buffalo leads every other city. Printed reports which come to us show no such figures as ours elsewhere. We have, indeed, nearly double the circulation of public library books through the medium of public schools of any city whose library report we have seen.

There is opportunity for a further very large increase in this work by the addition of the twenty-one schools of the city not now under the Public Library's care, and as appropriations take their natural increase this may be arranged.

The increased use of the beautiful school exhibit room is very gratifying, and a forcible illustration of how much effect attractive surroundings and convenient quarters have on our work. Teachers are daily visitors. The training class holds regular sessions here. Many teachers have brought parts of their classes to see the collection

of children's books. Seekers for illustrations find the pigeon holes where the pictures are arranged very convenient, and borrow freely such pictures as suit their needs. Over 15,000 mounted pictures, gathered from every available source, are in use and exceedingly popular.

The annual display of books suitable for Christmas gifts was made in this room. The selection of books was better and the visitors more numerous than ever before.

Special attention is called to the table of statistics in Appendix H. Some of the figures seem almost incredible. The banner school is No. 50. It is one of the smaller schools, having only twelve rooms. The class-room libraries aggregate only 530 books. An accurate count shows the astonishing circulation, in nine months of the school year, of 11,793, or more than twenty-two times for every book. The principal and teachers seem all to be impressed with the real educational value of good reading for children. The books are of the best that have ever been written for children, and there is positive proof that they are not only taken home, but read. A very short step only behind is No. 43, one of the largest schools in the heart of one of the most populous quarters of the city. Here there are twenty-eight rooms, with 1,215 books. The intelligent interest and co-operation of the teaching staff shows what can be done, and the report is that the books not only do their own good work, but help in the order of the school, and add to the pleasure of school life and help in the entire course of study. Many more instances could be given, but these suffice.

(See Appendix H.)

TRAVELING LIBRARIES.

The demand for traveling libraries has increased. In 1903 there were 108; in 1904, 149. Of these, 33 were in fire houses, 56 in educational institutions, including truant, high, and parochial schools; 10 in Sunday schools, 7 used by literary societies, 10 by church associations, and 5 by hospitals for the use of nurses; 5,115 books were used and the circulation was 12,312.

When our funds permit, we hope to increase the number of traveling libraries, adding a system of community libraries to our other activities.

(See Appendix J.)

DELIVERY STATIONS.

Notwithstanding the fact of the abandonment of one station, this department reports an increase of 3,263 over the previous year. A marked improvement has been made in the system.

The assistants in charge of the stations work at arm's length, because they never see or talk with those whom they try faithfully to satisfy, and expressions of satisfaction are all the more gratifying to them and to the management.

(See Appendix K.)

HIGH SCHOOLS.

The daily delivery at the Masten Park High School continues with increased use of the books, and most friendly relations with principal and teachers. Nothing could be more encouraging than the hearty co-operation, sympathy, and recognition which the library receives from all the high schools of the city.

BRANCHES AND DEPOSITORIES.

Westminster, No. 421 Monroe Street (Depository).—This was the first library depository, and continues to be one of the most interesting and prosperous. The circulation was 5,926, an increase of 520 over the previous year.

Welcome Hall, No. 404 Seneca Street (Depository).—Here the work is almost entirely with the children, though not restricted to them. The circulation was 4,664, a gain of twelve over the previous year. The assistants in charge report marked improvement in the deportment of the children, and in their care of the books.

Those in charge of each of the settlement houses make it very pleasant for the library assistants, and help the library most efficiently and cordially.

The experiment is not a large one, as there are but about six hundred books at Westminster House and but seven hundred at Welcome Hall, and the libraries are open for the exchange of books only one afternoon and evening in the week.

William Ives Branch, No. 746 Broadway.—Here the books number 4,129, and the circulation was 52,939, an increase of 6,712 over 1903. The congested condition from want of room reported

last year has continued and increased. From sixty to seventy-five people, mostly children, have made uncomfortable quarters suitable for about thirty at a time. It is hoped we may find a room very soon that will give us the needed space. Forty-four per cent. of the books read were in the Polish language. Great effort is made to induce the children to read English, with considerable success, and the percentage of English increased 4 per cent. during the year. There is a great demand and need for more books, which we hope to supply very soon.

Joseph P. Dudley Branch, No. 503 South Park Avenue.—This branch offers to the people of South Buffalo a well selected library of 2,005 volumes, placed in a comfortable, homelike room. This, with connection with the Main Library by telephone, and a daily delivery of needed books from the main collection, makes the people of South Buffalo feel that they have the same privileges as those living near the Main Library. One of the pleasantest features is the interest the community takes in the welfare of the staff, especially during inclement weather. So far, only expressions of satisfaction have been received. The coming building season will probably demonstrate whether we are in the very best location. We hope that no change may be necessary, as the library room is attractive, and many of the pleasant features of the library in a small community in close touch and hearty sympathy are shown.

Lafayette Branch, Lafayette High School.—A beautiful room, with heat, light, and excellent book shelves, is furnished by the School Department, and in return the library gives the use of its books to teachers and pupils, the services of its assistants for reference work, and special collections of books needed for temporary use by the classes in any number required.

The library is open for the use of the school every school day during school hours, and for the public from 2 to 5 each afternoon. The economic experiment of opening even a part of a school for other than strictly school purposes is of great importance, and has proved so successful in this case that it would seem well worth considering whether in the building of each new school in the outlying districts it would not be wise to provide special rooms for library purposes.

(See Appendix L.)

LIBRARY RECEIPTS.

Fines,	\$2,836.68
Catalogues sold,	104.86
Books lost and paid for,	86.72
Reserve postal cards,	241.13
Miscellaneous,	100.30
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Total,	\$3,369.69

STAFF.

There have been the usual changes in so large a staff, the most notable being the resignation of Mr. William Ives, who for fifty-two years has occupied the position of Librarian. Mr. Ives' long term of service has been noted for his wonderful regularity and faithfulness to every duty and responsibility. His kindly nature and gentle courtesy have made all the staff his admirers, and he leaves with the best wishes of all his friends for a happy old age.

There is great difficulty in securing an adequate number of young men for our work. Library salaries are not sufficiently large to hold the best. Some first-rate men come to us, but almost as soon as they develop proficiency in their business most of them leave to accept more lucrative positions. The pleasant work and surroundings attract unusually able and even brilliant young women, who find the library a desirable place, particularly when they have homes in the city and the salary serves to supplement the income, and is not the entire reliance for support. It is necessary to have so many to do the work, in order to satisfy a busy public with quick attention, that a small increase in each salary means a large amount in the aggregate. Still, I feel that we are not adequately paying for the service we receive, and as soon as possible the salaries paid the rank and file should be advanced.

I have nothing but commendation for the staff. I believe the spirit and ideals are right, and that interest, responsibility, and an ambition to be useful and efficient exist in a most satisfactory degree.

(See Appendix M.)

GENERAL.

Once more I respectfully call your attention to the unexplained delay of the sale of the Jubilee Waterworks property, and the apparent lack of any effort to dispose of it. The sale was authorized

by the Legislature in the spring of 1898. It is held unused, as city property out of the tax rolls, with claims against it which either draw or accumulate interest. The branch thus provided for by State law is greatly needed, and inquiry as to the cause of the delay should be made, and, if thought wise, proceedings of some kind instituted to insure early compliance with the law.

The subject of branches is a vital one for the Board to consider. We are now supplying, more or less satisfactorily, I think, all parts of the city by means of the rented quarters described above; but, with the great growth of the city, it will soon be necessary to consider plans for sites of our own and more or less expensive buildings.

Doubtless, Mr. Carnegie's liberality would be extended to Buffalo if a proper request were made to him. Whether it is wise to make the appeal, involving the well-known condition, is for the Board's careful consideration and decision.

In conclusion, allow me to congratulate you upon the most successful year the library has ever had, made possible by your cordial support of the executive management. A library report must necessarily be more or less a budget of statistics. These statistics are but a sort of pulse of the institution which inadequately records its vital activities. The library is attaining an assured and recognized position as a definite part of the educational equipment of the city. The very fact that from 3,000 to 8,000 persons visit our building every day is as significant of its use as are the statistics of circulation. The remarkable increase of the reference work is noticeable. The training of the staff in methods of thoughtful research, how to put the question and where and how to find the answer, is alone worth more to the city in making available the stores of knowledge in the library than the city pays for library purposes.

With all this to encourage us, we have no sense of having done all we could. We have been hampered this last year for want of money. Many of our undertakings have been in the experimental stage. With increased income and added experience, our enthusiasm leads us to believe that the future holds promise of greater activity and increased usefulness.

The press of the city has been our cordial helper, and has my grateful acknowledgment.

We record with sorrow the death, in January last, of Mr. John D. Bogardus, for a little over five years a member of the Board,

and during all that time Chairman of the Executive Committee. No member of the Board has been more regular in attendance on the meetings of the Board, or more devoted to the interests of the library. Mr. Bogardus's death was a great loss.

Respectfully submitted,

H. L. ELMENDORF,

Superintendent.

APPENDIX A.

Registration.

Number of registered borrowers, January 1, 1904, . . . 56,571

Registered during 1904:

New registration:

Over 14 years, 7,226

Under 14 years, 3,695

Total, 10,921

Renewals:

Over 14 years, 6,191

Under 14 years, 476

Total, 6,667

Total number cards issued, . . . 17,588

74,159

Canceled cards:

Canceled by renewal:

Over 14 years, 1,058

Under 14 years, 129

Total, 1,187

Canceled for other reasons:

Over 14 years, 11,418

Under 14 years, 2,972

Total, 14,390

Total cancellations, 15,577

Total cards in force January 1, 1905, 58,582

APPENDIX B.

Classified Contents of the Library.

	Gross Additions, 1904.	Per Cent.	Net Additions, Jan. 1, 1904, to Jan. 1, 1905.	Per Cent.	Books, Totals, Jan. 1, 1905.	Per Cent.	Pamphlets, Totals, Jan. 1, 1905.
General works,	243	.010	226	.040	10,980	.053	3,074
Philosophy,	147	.008	115	.020	3,020	.015	407
Religion, mythology, fairy tales,	943	.047	—216	— .038	11,005	.053	748
Sociology,	1,423	.071	571	.102	20,383	.099	5,691
Philology,	45	.002	45	.008	1,049	.006	57
Natural science,	1,480	.074	683	.122	12,635	.061	814
Useful arts,	664	.033	547	.097	8,627	.042	2,052
Fine arts,	408	.021	308	.055	6,889	.033	603
Literature,	3,042	.152	681	.121	23,963	.116	239
Prose fiction,	8,128	.406	682	.121	63,797	.309	. . . .
History,	1,238	.062	632	.113	19,109	.092	928
Travel,	1,308	.065	645	.115	11,603	.056	406
Biography,	919	.046	671	.120	11,713	.057	741
Local history and literature, .	64	.003	22	.004	1,626	.008	3,091
Totals,	20,052	. . .	5,612	. . . .	206,399	. . .	18,851
Recovered, formerly reported as lost,	32	. . .	(Net decrease) 199	. . . .	. . . .	. . .	. . . .
Children's picture books, . . .	3,139	. . .	. . . .	. . . .	5,596	. . .	. . . .
Total permanent collection, Net additions, January 1, 1904, to January 1, 1905,	23,223	. . .	. . . .	. . . .	211,995	. . .	18,851
Duplicate volumes not cata- logued and not in use, . . . .	. . . .	. . .	5,413	. . . .	. . . .	. . .	. . . .
Grand total books, January 1, 1905, . . . . .	. . . .	. . .	. . . .	. . . .	2,587	. . .	. . . .
					214,582	. . .	. . . .

APPENDIX C.

Circulation by Classes.

Smallest day, main library, 1,499.
Daily average, main library, 2,671.
Daily average, all departments, 3,800.

Number of days open, 303.
Largest day, main library, 5,088.

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APPENDIX C.

Circulation by Departments.

1904	Desk.	Open Shelves.	Children's Room.	Class Room Libraries.	Books Issued to Class Room Libraries.	Stations.	High Schools.	Westminster House.	Welcome Hall.	Wm. Ives Branch.	Joe. P. Dudley Branch.	Lafayette High School Branch.	Total Branches.	Traveling Libraries.	Totals.
January,	24,469	23,874	7,631	24,599	.....	4,064	1,069	428	350	4,634	1,775	2,105	9,292	1,016	96,014
February,	25,774	25,051	8,929	20,748	.....	4,055	1,304	606	422	5,075	1,984	3,549	11,636	744	98,241
March, .	28,833	25,927	10,014	55,588	.....	4,884	1,606	531	474	5,586	2,409	4,230	13,230	2,106	142,188
April, .	24,829	22,993	8,449	34,760	.....	4,358	1,657	543	541	5,225	2,186	4,092	12,587	1,476	111,109
May, .	18,525	17,692	5,619	32,066	.....	4,211	1,734	489	370	4,324	1,848	3,245	10,276	753	90,876
June, .	18,287	17,922	5,317	.....	.....	4,453	538	574	322	4,029	1,636	1,510	8,071	844	55,432
July, .	19,262	18,430	5,933	.....	.....	4,418	.....	422	307	3,932	1,414	.....	6,075	1,010	55,128
August, .	20,159	20,453	6,119	.....	.....	4,378	.....	509	258	3,810	1,578	.....	6,155	652	57,916
September	19,916	20,260	4,528	24,896	29,769	3,873	704	365	323	3,482	1,547	1,702	7,419	1,060	112,425
October,	22,631	22,276	6,237	59,950	168	4,094	1,545	501	330	3,987	1,768	3,182	9,768	3,438	130,107
November	22,509	23,246	7,029	48,546	112	4,229	1,710	495	416	4,387	1,938	3,392	10,628	1,712	119,721
December	20,275	22,703	6,313	34,262	14	4,378	1,376	463	551	4,468	1,853	2,518	9,853	1,824	100,998
Totals,	265,469	260,827	82,118	335,415	30,063	51,395	13,243	5,926	4,664	52,939	21,936	29,525	114,990	16,635	1,170,155

APPENDIX C.

Circulation—Comparative Statement.

	1900	1901	1902	1903	1904
January,	92,515	92,729	94,443	98,244	96,014
February,	90,390	89,516	89,932	90,788	98,241
March,	108,432	109,688	114,690	118,257	142,188
April,	83,814	84,952	104,035	95,652	111,109
May,	76,009	79,117	94,749	80,359	90,876
June,	56,951	49,734	65,486	52,653	55,432
July,	51,869	47,709	59,737	51,663	55,128
August,	52,834	50,837	57,669	51,667	57,916
September,	83,828	82,204	111,489	109,540	112,425
October,	99,341	98,332	115,871	121,230	130,107
November,	95,204	96,832	98,764	114,381	119,721
December,	90,048	85,300	87,559	101,088	100,998
Totals,	981,235	966,450	1,094,424	1,085,522	1,170,155

Gain, 1st quarter, 29,154
" 2d quarter, 28,753

Gain, 3d quarter, 12,599
" 4th quarter, 14,127

APPENDIX D.

Classified Table of Books in Open-Shelf Room.

	English.	German.	French.	Total.
General works,	6	3	.	9
Philosophy,	243	8	3	254
Religion,	283	9	2	294
Sociology,	746	12	1	759
Philology,	29	1	.	30
Science,	816	4	.	820
Useful arts,	458	5	.	463
Fine arts,	446	7	1	454
Literature,	953	103	28	1,084
History,	1,117	45	5	1,167
Travel,	797	80	8	885
Biography,	1,046	43	7	1,096
Fiction,	10,181	968	46	11,193
Total,	17,121	1,286	101	18,508
Bound magazines,			292	
Current magazines, numbers,			620	
NEW BOOKS—TEMPORARILY PLACED.				
Classed,			376	
Fiction,			283	
			659	
Total temporarily placed,				1,571
Total contents Open-Shelf Department,				20,079

APPENDIX E.

Classified Table of Books in Children's Room.

General works,	1
Philosophy ethics,	22
Religion,	40
Mythology and folk-tales,	301
Sociology,	84
Kindergarten stories and songs,	162
Philology,	3
Science,	746
Useful arts,	245
Fine arts, amusements,	252
Literature,	845
History,	749
Travel,	690
Biography,	403
Fiction,	3,320
Total,	7,863
Picture books,	111
Total for circulation,	7,974
Reference books,	106
Total,	8,080

APPENDIX F.

Periodicals.

- *Academe, *f*.
 Academy, *w*.
 American Antiquarian, *bi-m*.
 American Architect, International ed., *w*.
 American Catholic Review, *q*.
 American Chemical Journal, *m*.
 American Economic Association Papers, *irregular*.
 American Historical Review, *q*.
 American Institute of Electrical Engineers, Transactions, *m*.
 American Inventor, *f*.
 *American Investments, *m*.
 American Journal of Archæology, *q*.
 American Journal of Mathematics, *q*.
 American Journal of Nursing, *m*.
 American Journal of Philology, *irregular*.
 American Journal of Psychology, *q*.
 American Journal of Science, *m*.
 American Journal of Sociology, *bi-m*.
 American Machinist, *w*.
 American Monthly Magazine, *m*.
 American Monthly Review of Reviews, *m*.
 American Naturalist, *m*.
 American Philosophical Society Proceedings, *numbered series*.
 American Statistical Association Papers, *q*.
 Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science, *bi-m*.
 *Annals of the Propagation of Faith, *bi-m*.
 Antiquary, *m*.
 Architects' and Builders' Magazine, *m*.
 Architectural Record, *m*.
 Architectural Review, *m*.
 Arena, *m*.
 Army and Navy Journal, *w*.
 Art Interchange, *m*.
 Art Journal, *m*.
 *Association Men, *m*.
 *Association Review, *m*.
 Athenæum, *w*.
 Atlantic Monthly, *m*.
 Auk, *q*.
 *Automobile Topics, *w*.
 Babyhood, *m*.
 Bankers' Magazine, *m*.
 Biblical World, *m*.
 Bibljoteka Warszawska, *m*.
 Biesiada Literacka, *w*.
 Bird-Lore, *bi-m*.
 Birds and Nature, *m*.
 Black and White, *w*.
 Blackwood's Magazine, *m*.
 Bluszcz, *w*.
 Bookman, *m*.
 Book News, *m*.
 Brick Builder, *m*.
 Buffalo Chronicle, *w*.
 *Buffalo Medical Journal, *m*.

- *Bulletin of Labor Statistics of New York, *q*.
- Bulletin of the American Geographical Society, *irregular*.
- *Bulletin, Y. M. C. A., *m*.
- *Calendar, *m*.
- Canadian Magazine, *m*.
- Cassier's Magazine, *m*.
- Catholic University Bulletin, *q*.
- Catholic World, *m*.
- Century, *m*.
- Chambers's Journal, *m*.
- Charities, *w*.
- Chautauquan, *m*.
- *Christian Science Journal, *m*.
- *Christian Science Sentinel, *w*.
- Christian Work and Evangelist, *w*.
- Churchman, *w*.
- *College Folio, *m*.
- Collier's Weekly, *w*.
- *Consular Reports, *m*.
- Contemporary Review, *m*.
- *Cook's American Traveler's Gazette, *m*.
- Cornhill Magazine, *m*.
- Cosmopolitan, *m*.
- Country Life in America, *m*.
- Craftsman, *m*.
- *Criterion, *m*.
- Critic, *m*.
- *Crop Reporter, *m*.
- Cumulative Index, *m*.
- Current Literature, *m*.
- *Deaconess Tidings, *m*.
- Deutsche Litteratur Zeitung, *w*.
- Deutsche Rundschau, *m*.
- Dial, *f*.
- *Dixie, *m*.
- *Dog Fancier, *m*.
- Dublin Review, *q*.
- Eclectic Magazine, *m*.
- Economic Journal, *q*.
- Economist, *w*.
- Edinburgh Review, *q*.
- Education, *m*.
- Educational Review, *m*.
- *Educator, *m*.
- Electrical Review, *w*.
- Electrical World, *w*.
- Engineering, *w*.
- Engineering and Mining Journal, *w*.
- Engineering Magazine, *m*.
- Engineering News, *w*.
- Engineering Record, *w*.
- English Historical Review, *q*.
- English Illustrated Magazine, *m*.
- Essex Antiquarian, *q*.
- Etude, *m*.
- Everybody's Magazine, *m*.
- *Exports Declared, *q*.
- *Fancier's Gazette, *m*.
- *Flaming Sword, *w*.
- Forestry and Irrigation, *m*.
- Fortnightly Review, *m*.
- Forum, *q*.
- *Fraternal Monitor, *m*.
- *Free Russia, *m*.
- Gartenlaube, *f*.
- Gentleman's Magazine, *m*.
- Geographical Journal, *m*.
- Geological Magazine, *m*.
- Good Government, *m*.
- *Gospel Trumpet, *w*.
- Graphic, *w*.

- Harper's Bazar, *m.*
 Harper's Monthly, *m.*
 Harper's Weekly, *w.*
 *Hartford Seminary Record, *q.*
 *Health Department Monthly Report, *m.*
 *Herald of the Golden Age, *m.*
 *Home and Flowers, *m.*
 *Hospital Leaflet, *m.*
 *Housekeeper, *m.*
 Illustrated London News, *w.*
 Illustration, L', *w.*
 Illustrierte Zeitung, *w.*
 Independent, *w.*
 *Indian's Friend, *m.*
 Inland Architect, *m.*
 International Journal of Ethics, *q.*
 International Quarterly, *q.*
 International Studio, *m.*
 *Johns Hopkins University Circulars, *irregular.*
 Johns Hopkins University Studies in Historical and Political Science, *numbered series.*
 Journal of American Folk Lore, *q.*
 Journal of Biblical Literature, *irregular.*
 Journal of Education, *w.*
 Journal of Geology, *m.*
 Journal of Political Economy, *q.*
 Journal of the American Chemical Society, *m.*
 *Journal of the Association of Engineering Societies, *m.*
 *Journal of the Association of Military Surgeons, *m.*
 Journal of the Franklin Institute, *m.*
 Journal of the Institution of Electrical Engineers, *irregular.*
 Journal of the Royal Statistical Society, *q.*
 Journal of the Society of Chemical Industry, *f.*
 Journal of the Western Society of Engineers, *bi-m.*
 *Journal of Zoophily, *m.*
 Judge, *w.*
 Kindergarten Magazine, *m.*
 Knowledge, *m.*
 Ksiaskzka, *m.*
 Ladies' Home Journal, *m.*
 Lamp, *m.*
 *Latin Leaflet, *w.*
 *Le Couteulx Leader, *w.*
 *Lewis and Clark Journal, *m.*
 Library Journal, *m.*
 Library World, *m.*
 Life, *w.*
 Lippincott's Magazine, *m.*
 Literarische Echo, Das, *f.*
 Literarischer Handweiser, *f.*
 Literary News, *m.*
 Literary World, *m.*
 Littell's Living Age, *w.*
 Little Chronicle, *w.*
 Little Folks, *m.*
 Locomotive Engineering, *m.*
 *Louisiana Planter, *w.*
 *Lyceumite, *m.*
 McClure's Magazine, *m.*
 Macmillan's Magazine, *m.*
 Magazine of Art, *m.*
 Manual Training Magazine, *q.*
 Marine Review, *w.*

- *Masten Park Chronicle, *q*.
- *Men of Buffalo, *m*.
- Merchants' Association Review, *m*.
- *Mexico, *m*.
- Mind, *q*.
- *Mines and Minerals, *m*.
- Missionary Review, *m*.
- Modern Language Association of American Publications, *q*.
- Monist, *q*.
- *Monthly Bulletin of the Bureau of American Republics, *m*.
- Monthly Cumulative Book Index, *m*.
- *Monthly Gazette of English Literature, *m*.
- Monthly Review, *m*.
- Municipal Affairs, *q*.
- Municipal Engineering, *m*.
- Munsey's Magazine, *m*.
- Musical Courier, *w*.
- *Mutual Underwriter, *m*.
- Nation, *w*.
- *National Geographic Magazine, *m*.
- National Review, *m*.
- Nature, *w*.
- *New Century Path, *w*.
- New England Historical and Genealogical Register, *q*.
- New England Magazine, *m*.
- New York Genealogical and Biographical Record, *q*.
- Nineteenth Century, *m*.
- North American Review, *m*.
- Notes and Queries, *w*.
- *Official Gazette of the U. S. Patent Office, *w*.
- Official Railway Guide, *m*.
- Open Court, *m*.
- *Open Window, *m*.
- *Our Record, *m*.
- Outing, *m*.
- Outlook, *w*.
- Overland Monthly, *m*.
- Pacific Municipalities, *m*.
- Pall Mall Magazine, *m*.
- Pedagogical Seminary, *q*.
- Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography, *q*.
- Petermann's Mitteilungen, *m*.
- Petermann's Mitteilungen Ergänzungsheft, *numbered series*.
- Philistine, *m*.
- Philosophical Magazine, *m*.
- Philosophical Review, *bi-m*.
- *Phonetic Journal, *w*.
- *Plant World, *m*.
- Political Science Quarterly, *q*.
- Popular Astronomy, *m*.
- Popular Science Monthly, *m*.
- *Postal Record, *m*.
- Power, *m*.
- Printers' Ink, *w*.
- *Progress, *w*.
- *Psychological Bulletin, *m*.
- Psychological Review, *bi-m*.
- Public Libraries, *m*.
- Public Library Monthly, *m*.
- Public Opinion, *w*.
- *Public, The, *w*.
- Publications of the American Academy of Political and Social Science, *numbered series*.
- Publishers' Weekly, *w*.
- Puck, *w*.

- Punch, *w*.
 Quarterly Journal of Economics, *q*.
 Quarterly Review, *q*.
 Records of the American Catholic Historical Society, *q*.
 Records of the Past, *m*.
 Repertoire Bibliographique de la Librairie Francaise, *m*.
 Review of Reviews (English ed.), *m*.
 Revue des Deux Mondes, *f*.
 St. Nicholas, *m*.
 *Salvation, *m*.
 Saturday Evening Post, *w*.
 Saturday Review, *w*.
 School Review, *m*.
 Science, *w*.
 Science Abstracts, *m*.
 Scientific American, *w*.
 Scientific American Building Edition, *m*.
 Scientific American Supplement, *w*.
 Scottish Geographical Magazine, *m*.
 Scribner's Magazine, *m*.
 *Search-Light, *m*.
 *Signs of the Times, *w*.
 *Single Tax Review, *q*.
 Social Service, *m*.
 Society for Psychical Research, Proceedings, *irregular*.
 *Sound Currency, *m*.
 *Southern Field, *q*.
 *Special Consular Reports, *numbered series*.
- Spectator, *w*.
 Strand, *m*.
 Sunday School Times, *w*.
 *Technology Review, *q*.
 Temple Bar, *m*.
 Theosophical Review, *m*.
 *Trades Union Herald, *w*.
 Trained Nurse, *m*.
 *Triumphs of Faith, *m*.
 Truth, *w*.
 Tygodnik Ilustrawnay, *w*.
 *Typographical Journal, *m*.
 Ueber Land und Meer, *w*.
 United Service, *m*.
 *U. S. Department of Agriculture, Climate and Crop Service, New York, *m*.
 *U. S. Department of Agriculture, Climate and Crop Service, West Virginia, *m*.
 *U. S. Labor Department Bulletins, *bi-m*.
 *U. S. Monthly Weather Review, *m*.
 U. S. Naval Institute, Proceedings, *q*.
 U. S. Postal Guide, *m*.
 *U. S. Statistical Bureau Monthly Summary, *m*.
 *Vassar Miscellany, *m*.
 Vom Fels zum Meer, *f*.
 Westermann's Monatshefte, *m*.
 Westminster Review, *m*.
 World's Work, *m*.
 Yale Review, *q*.
 Youth's Companion, *w*.
 *Zion's Watch Tower, *f*.

SUMMARY.

Monthly,	169
Weekly,	68
Quarterly,	40
Fortnightly,	9
Bi-monthly,	7
Numbered,	4
Irregular,	8
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Total,	305

APPENDIX G.

Periodicals in Newspaper Room.

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|---|---|
| Albany Journal, <i>d.</i> | Illinois Staats-Zeitung, <i>d.</i> |
| Atlanta Constitution, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i> | Illustrated London News, <i>w.</i> |
| Baltimore American, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i> | Judge, <i>w.</i> |
| Boston Herald, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i> | Kansas City Star, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i> |
| Boston Transcript, <i>d.</i> | *Lancaster Enterprise, <i>w.</i> |
| Brooklyn Eagle, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i> | Life, <i>w.</i> |
| *Buffalo Arbeiter-Zeitung, <i>w.</i> | London Times, <i>w.</i> |
| Buffalo Commercial, <i>d.</i> | Louisville Courier-Journal, <i>d.</i> |
| Buffalo Courier, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i> | and <i>s.</i> |
| Buffalo Demokrat, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i> | *Lud, <i>w.</i> |
| Buffalo Enquirer, <i>d.</i> | Milwaukee Sentinel, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i> |
| Buffalo Express, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i> | Montreal Star, <i>d.</i> |
| Buffalo Freie Presse, <i>d.</i> | New Orleans Picayune, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i> |
| Buffalo News, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i> | New Yorker Volkszeitung, <i>d.</i> |
| *Buffalo Polak w Ameryce, <i>w.</i> | New York Evening Post, <i>d.</i> |
| Buffalo Times, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i> | New York Herald, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i> |
| Buffalo Tribune, <i>s.</i> | New York Staats-Zeitung, <i>d.</i> and |
| Buffalo Volksfreund, <i>d.</i> | <i>s.</i> |
| *Catholic Union and Times, <i>w.</i> | New York Sun, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i> |
| Chicago Record-Herald, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i> | New York Times, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i> |
| Chicago Tribune, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i> | New York Tribune, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i> |
| *Christian Intelligencer, <i>w.</i> | Omaha Bee, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i> |
| *Christian Register, <i>w.</i> | Philadelphia North American, <i>d.</i> |
| Cincinnati Enquirer, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i> | and <i>s.</i> |
| Cleveland Plain Dealer, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i> | Philadelphia Press, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i> |
| *Corriere Italiano, <i>w.</i> | Pittsburg Dispatch, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i> |
| Denver News, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i> | *Progress, <i>w.</i> |
| *Der Westen, <i>w.</i> | Puck, <i>w.</i> |
| Detroit Free Press, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i> | Rochester Democrat and Chron- |
| *Dziennik Polska, <i>d.</i> | icle, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i> |
| *Dzwon Niedziclny, <i>s.</i> | Rochester Post-Express, <i>d.</i> |
| *Erie County Independent, <i>w.</i> | Rural New Yorker, <i>w.</i> |
| Forest and Stream, <i>w.</i> | *St. Andrew's Cross, <i>m.</i> |
| *Gazetta Buffaloska, <i>w.</i> | St. Louis Globe-Democrat, <i>d.</i> |
| Harper's Weekly, <i>w.</i> | and <i>s.</i> |
| | St. Paul Pioneer Press, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i> |

*Gift.

San Francisco Chronicle, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i>	Toledo Blade, <i>d.</i>
*School, <i>w.</i>	Toronto Globe, <i>d.</i>
Scranton Republican, <i>d.</i>	*Trades Union Herald, <i>w.</i>
*Socialistische Arbeiter-Zeitung, <i>w.</i>	Utica Press, <i>d.</i>
Springfield Republican, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i>	*Vorwärts, <i>w.</i>
*Springville Journal and Herald, <i>w.</i>	Washington Post, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i>
Syracuse Post-Standard, <i>d.</i>	*Weekly People, <i>w.</i>
	*Westfield Republican, <i>w.</i>
	*Worker, The, <i>w.</i>

*Gift.

APPENDIX H.
Grammar School Libraries.

School.	Street.	Libraries.	Books.	Circulation.
3	Perry,	9	375	2,343
5	Seneca,	15	630	5,599
6	S. Division,	16	680	6,851
7	S. Bailey,	17	715	8,219
9	Bailey,	29	1,255	13,552
10	Delaware,	10	451	3,808
13	Oak,	10	465	3,983
14	Franklin,	9	400	3,067
15	Oak and Burton,	18	795	9,292
17	Main,	23	1,005	11,576
18	School,	26	1,141	16,412
19	West,	25	1,108	9,971
20	Amherst,	14	625	5,971
21	Hertel,	6	230	2,818
22	N. Main,	7	316	2,476
23	E. Delevan,	9	400	6,143
24	Fillmore,	34	1,461	16,647
25	Lewis,	13	555	5,980
26	Milton,	22	959	7,282
27	Mineral Springs,	19	815	10,082
28	Abbott Road,	18	779	7,230
33	Elk,	16	680	5,579
36	Day's Park,	11	461	4,370
37	Carlton,	27	1,139	12,571
39	High,	30	1,275	12,110
43	Lovejoy,	28	1,215	21,041
44	Broadway,	24	1,024	15,160
47	Hickory,	14	600	7,618
49	Vermont,	13	565	5,844
50	Eagle,	12	530	11,793
51	Hertel,	17	707	7,033
52	Bird,	24	1,029	12,771
53	Winslow,	24	1,045	14,137
55	Guilford,	25	1,028	10,022
56	Elmwood,	18	805	7,110
58	Rother,	24	1,012	14,018
59	Glenwood,	17	725	6,019
60	Ontario,	15	662	4,879
Practice.	Normal,	9	401	4,038
Totals,		697	30,063	335,415

School Library year, nine months.

APPENDIX J.

Traveling Libraries.

Jan.	4.	Normal School, Miss Dunstan, .	American History, .	10
"	4.	St. Margaret's School, Miss Canfield,	Architecture,	8
"	6.	Woman's Hospital,	General,	25
"	11.	Highland Park L. C.,	French History,	6
"	11.	St. Margaret's School, Miss Griffin,	English Drama,	6
"	12.	St. Andrew's Guild House,	General,	37
"	30.	Normal School, Miss Dunstan, .	American History, .	30
Feb.	5.	Masten Park High School, Mrs. Stickney,	General History,	26
"	6.	St. Margaret's School, Miss Fiske,	American History,	13
"	7.	Church Home,	General,	56
"	15.	Highland Park L. C.,	French History,	11
"	19.	Mrs. Geo. Headley, 577 Richmond Avenue,	Spanish,	23
"	24.	St. Margaret's School, Miss Canfield,	Sculpture,	6
"	29.	Lafayette High School, Miss Jenkins,	Shakespeare,	6
Mch.	1.	Dr. Gleason, 307 Mortimer Street,	General,	87
"	1.	Masten Park High School, Mrs. Stickney,	English History,	16
"	2.	St. Agnes' Church,	General,	40
"	4.	Buffalo Academy of the Sacred Heart,	Sciences,	29
"	7.	School No. 16, Miss Smith,	American History,	8
"	7.	Buffalo Seminary, Miss Carrell,	English History,	11
"	9.	St. Bartholomew's Church,	General,	56
"	9.	Trenton Avenue Chapel,	General,	61
"	9.	Walden Avenue Presbyterian S. S.,	General,	150
"	9.	Zion House,	General,	70

Mch.	9.	School No. 10, Miss Palmer,	Kindergarten,	9
"	9.	Miss M. E. Hazeltine, James-		
		town, N. Y.,	Children's Lit.,	36
"	10.	Central High School, Miss		
		Karnes,	Miss. Valley Lit.,	44
"	11.	Fitch Creche,	General,	15
"	17.	Lafayette High School, Miss		
		Freeman,	Chemistry,	5
"	23.	Erie County Hospital, Miss		
		Keating,	General,	30
"	23.	Canisius College,	General,	8
"	25.	Buffalo General Hospital,	General,	26
"	28.	Lebanon Y. P. S. C. E.,	General,	100
Apr.	1.	Truant School,	General,	35
"	2.	Maple Street Chapel,	General,	50
"	4.	Training School,	Education,	19
"	4.	St. Margaret's School, Miss Can-		
		field,	Art,	10
"	5.	W. J. Sheehan, 270 Lexington		
		Avenue,	Music,	24
"	7.	St. Paul's Parish House,	General,	60
"	15.	Buffalo Seminary, Miss Thayer,	History,	11
"	25.	Normal School, Miss Dunstan,	American History,	13
"	26.	International Kindergarten		
		Union, Rochester,	Children's Lit.,	85
May	3.	Ingleside Home,	General,	24
"	3.	East Presbyterian S. S.,	General,	50
"	10.	Masten Park High School,	Music,	24
"	10.	First United Presbyterian S. S.,	General,	60
"	20.	Canisius College, Father Stedler,	Trees,	9
June	4.	Miss Nye, 77 West Eagle Street,	Trees,	7
"	24.	Miss Palmer,	General,	11
July	11.	Vacation School, No. 13,	General,	25
"	12.	Vacation School, No. 20,	General,	22
"	12.	Vacation School, No. 35,	General,	23
"	12.	Vacation School, No. 44,	General,	32
"	12.	Mr. Daniel Upton,	General,	30
"	12.	Zion House,	General,	73
"	14.	Vacation School, No. 3,	General,	25

July 15.	Lebanon Y. P. S. C. E., . . .	General, . . .	102
Aug. 11.	Miss Martin, 965 Lafayette Avenue, . . .	Science, . . .	12
" 26.	Erie County Hospital, . . .	General, . . .	30
Sept. 1.	Kensington Study Club, . . .	American History, .	24
" 6.	Stanton Street Kindergarten, .	Picture and Story, .	25
" 13.	Masten Park High School, Mrs. Stickney, . . .	English History, .	56
" 17.	St. Andrew's Guild House, . .	General, . . .	30
" 17.	Normal School, Miss Dunstan, .	American History, .	38
" 19.	Canisius College, Mr. Bapst, .	Literature, . . .	11
" 19.	Lafayette High School, Miss Hirschfield, . . .	General, . . .	46
" 20.	Dr. Gleason, 307 Mortimer Street, . . .	General, . . .	72
" 22.	St. Bartholomew's S. S., . . .	General, . . .	65
" 22.	German Y. M. C. A., . . .	General, . . .	51
" 23.	Parkside Unitarian S. S., . .	General, . . .	60
" 23.	School No. 2, Miss Hoeffler, .	Kindergarten, . .	20
" 23.	Lafayette High School, Miss Freeman, . . .	General, . . .	19
" 29.	Mr. Read, . . .	Music, . . .	203
Oct. 3.	St. Vincent's School, . . .	General, . . .	70
" 3.	Mr. H. J. Fellows, 1009 Delaware Avenue, . . .	Music, . . .	112
" 3.	Highland Park L. C., . . .	French History, .	15
" 4.	St. Margaret's School, Miss Houghwout, . . .	History, . . .	16
" 4.	Lafayette High School, Miss Brown, . . .	Greek History, . .	27
" 4.	Lafayette High School, Miss Hickman, . . .	Roman History, . .	20
" 6.	St. Margaret's School, Miss Fiske, . . .	American History, .	10
" 10.	School No. 31, Miss Chambers, .	American History, .	9
" 10.	School No. 31, Miss Rosa, . .	American History, .	9
" 10.	School No. 31, Miss Cotter, . .	American History, .	9
" 10.	School No. 16, Miss Van Arsdale, . . .	American History, .	11

Oct.	12.	Canisius College, F. S. Betten, .	Roman History, . .	9
"	13.	St. Margaret's School, Miss Fiske,	English History, .	10
"	14.	Buffalo Academy of the Sacred Heart,	General,	12
"	19.	Ingleside Home,	General,	24
"	20.	Training School,	Children,	43
"	21.	Mechanical High School, . . .	Literature, . . .	2
"	24.	Truant School,	General,	40
"	25.	Holy Angels' Academy, . . .	General,	50
"	25.	School No. 43, Miss Bloomer, .	General,	30
Nov.	1.	First United Presbyterian S. S.,	General,	80
"	2.	Lebanon Y. P. S. C. E., . . .	General,	101
"	7.	St. Margaret's School, Miss Fiske,	History,	23
"	10.	Central High School, Mr. Vogt,	Humane,	42
"	10.	Graduates' Association, . . .	English Fiction, .	154
"	11.	St. Paul's Parish Women's Club,	Fiction,	60
"	12.	St. Paul's Parish Men's Club, .	General,	40
"	14.	Lafayette High School, Miss Weifenbach,	Art,	15
"	15.	St. Margaret's School, Miss Kennedy,	General,	4
"	16.	Buffalo Seminary, Miss Burnside,	Art,	8
"	16.	Deaf Mute Institute, Miss Carroll,	General,	25
"	16.	Hard Manufacturing Company,	General,	73
"	23.	Walden Avenue Presbyterian S. S.,	General,	150
"	23.	Glenwood Avenue Baptist S. S.,	General,	71
Dec.	5.	St. Margaret's School, Miss Kennedy,	Literature, . . .	12
"	6.	Canisius College, R. J. Martin, .	Optics,	16
"	8.	School No. 7, Mr. Houghton, .	Gardens,	10
"	8.	Kindergarten Training Class, .	Pedagogy,	24
"	8.	Children's Hospital,	General,	25
"	15.	Truant School,	General,	30

Dec. 21.	School No. 24, Miss Georgi,	German,	2
" 22.	Buffalo Academy of the Sacred		
	Heart,	General,	25
" 23.	Police Station No. 9,	General,	25
	Fire Police specials,	General,	136
Total,			4,323

Firemen.

Engine No. 2,	24
" " 3,	24
" " 4,	24
" " 5,	24
" " 6,	24
" " 8,	24
" " 11 and Truck No. 4,	24
" " 12,	24
" " 14,	24
" " 15,	24
" " 16,	24
" " 17,	24
" " 18,	24
" " 19,	24
" " 20,	24
" " 21 and Truck No. 6,	24
" " 22,	24
" " 23,	24
" " 24,	24
" " 25,	24
" " 26,	24
" " 27,	24
" " 28,	24
" " 29,	24
" " 31,	24
Chemical No. 3,	24
" " 4,	24
" " 5,	24
" " 6,	24

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Hook and Ladder No. 5,	24
“ “ “ “ 7,	24
“ “ “ “ 8,	24
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Total,	792

APPENDIX K.

Delivery Stations.

B.—Keller & Deuchler's Drug Store, 757 Seneca Street.
A. J. KELLER, *Keeper.*

C.—White's Bookstore, 1423 Main Street.
E. R. WHITE, *Keeper.*

D.—Crandall's Pharmacy, 72 Forest Avenue.
FRANK L. CRANDALL, *Keeper.*

E.—Franke's Drug Store, 1872 Niagara Street.
JOHN A. FRANKE, *Keeper.*

F.—Hermann's News Store, 2648 Main Street.
JOHN F. HERMANN, *Keeper.*

G.—Hodson's Drug Store, Seneca and Elk Streets.
J. W. HODSON, *Keeper.*

H.—Krummell's News Store, 2340 Seneca Street.
W. L. KRUMMELL, *Keeper.*

APPENDIX L.

Classified Contents of Branches.

	West- minster House.	Welcome Hall.	Ives Branch.	J. P. D. Branch.	Lafayette Branch.	Total.
Classed Books, .	223	332	1,605	972	1,190	4,322
Fiction, . . .	377	374	2,421	1,007	1,111	5,290
Picture Books, .		24			1	25
Magazine . numbers, .			71			71
Reference books,			32	26	6	64
Total, . . .	600	730	4,129	2,005	2,308	9,772

APPENDIX M.

STAFF.

GENERAL.

Henry L. Elmendorf,	<i>Superintendent.</i>
Walter L. Brown,	<i>Assistant Superintendent.</i>
William Ives,	<i>Librarian.</i>
Mrs. H. L. Elmendorf,	<i>Special Bibliographer.</i>
Mrs. B. S. Fulton,	<i>Sup't Circulating Department.</i>
William P. Reed,	<i>Treasurer.</i>
Ella B. Gartland,	<i>Stenographer.</i>

CATALOGUE DEPARTMENT.

Ellen M. Chandler, <i>Head</i> ,	Alice G. Francis,
Mary J. Briggs,	Alice I. Hazeltine,
Ella G. Christey,	Augusta E. Penfield.

ORDER AND ACCESSION DEPARTMENT.

Emily S. Coit,	Marian Patterson.
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FINISHING, MARKING, AND LABELING.

Pauline C. D. Dichel,	
Charlotte Hebel,er,	Belle Meyer.

BINDERY, RECORD, AND REPAIR.

Harriet E. Provoost,	Helen Spencer.
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REFERENCE DEPARTMENT.

Frederick J. Shepard, <i>Head</i> ,	Lucia T. Henderson.
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CIRCULATING DEPARTMENT.

Harriet A. Beach, *Head*, Delivery Counter.

Margaret Bruce McCabe, *Head*, Open-shelf Room.

Margaret C. Campbell,	Olive N. Lee,
Alice D. Chapman,	George E. Mayo,
Elizabeth E. Clapp,	M. Elizabeth Schanzlin,
Charlotte E. Coit,	Marinda S. White,
Caroline Galligan,	Nellie A. Whitman,
Florence S. Hall,	Alice G. Wightman.
Rosamond Joslyn,	
Jessie H. Cole, Fines and Reserve Books.	

CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT.

Mrs. Adelaide Bowles Maltby, <i>Head</i> ,	Emma Meyer,
Harriet F. Baker,	John Zier,
Alice M. Baritot.	

DELIVERY STATIONS.

James P. Fowler, <i>Head</i> .	Mary Ellen Blossom.
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SCHOOLS AND BRANCHES.

Grace Delphine Rose, <i>Head</i> ,	
Grace Huffner, in charge Jos. P. Dudley Branch,	
Russell J. Forbes, Jr., in charge Lafayette Branch,	
Mary E. Standbridge, in charge William Ives Branch,	
Edward Fischer,	Harry N. Parsons,
Mrs. Josepha Kudlicka,	Mabel L. Rushworth,
Felix A. Osowski,	Charles Shear.

REGISTRY DEPARTMENT.

William Rankin,	Iva M. Alexander.
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PERIODICAL DEPARTMENT.

Mrs. Stella M. Ransom, <i>Head</i> ,	Rose E. Chamberlin.
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NEWSPAPER DEPARTMENT.

Sara P. Sheldon, <i>Head</i> ,	Frank L. Parks.
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SHELF DEPARTMENT.

Robert Ramsey, <i>Head</i> ,	Frank Siebert,
Chester E. Boyer,	John Strubing,
Clarence Dichel,	Charles Thries,
Albert E. Fries,	John Wheelock.

ENGINEER AND JANITOR.

John Krieg.

Two Assistants,	Five Women.
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CHECK ROOM.

Charles Fulton.

ELEVATOR.

John Hickey.

SPECIAL OFFICER.

Madison E. Grantier.

LIBRARY DEPARTMENTS AND HOURS.

READING, REFERENCE, AND PERIODICAL ROOMS.

Week days, 9 A. M. to 9 P. M.
Sundays and holidays, 11 A. M. to 9 P. M.

CIRCULATING DEPARTMENT.

Every day, except Sundays and holidays, 9 A. M. to 9 P. M.

NEWSPAPER ROOM.

Week days, 8.30 A. M. to 9 P. M.
Sundays and holidays, 8.30 A. M. to 7 P. M.

CHILDREN'S ROOM.

Monday to Friday, 2.30 to 6 P. M.
Saturdays, 9 A. M. to 6 P. M.
Sundays, 2 to 6 P. M.
Holidays, except Christmas and Fourth of July, . . 11 A. M. to 6 P. M.

WILLIAM IVES BRANCH, 746 Broadway.

Week days, 2 P. M. to 9 P. M.

JOS. P. DUDLEY BRANCH, 503 South Park Avenue.

Week days, 2 P. M. to 9 P. M.

LAFAYETTE BRANCH, Lafayette High School.

For pupils of the school, During school hours.
For general public, week days, 2 P. M. to 5 P. M.

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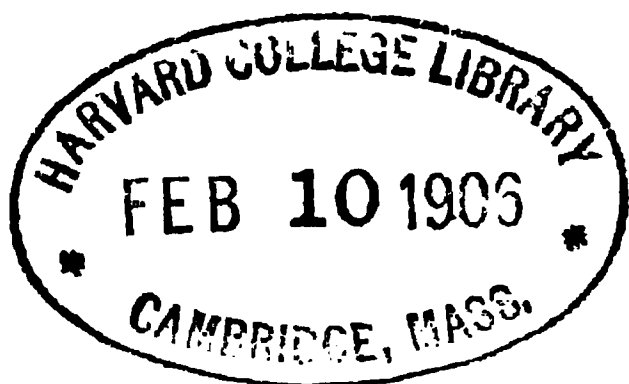
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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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REPRESENTATIVES OF THE BUFFALO LIBRARY.

CHARLES R. WILSON,	term expires	1906.
WALTER P. COOKE,	" "	1907.
GEORGE L. WILLIAMS,	" "	1908.
THOMAS T. RAMSDELL,	" "	1909.
JOSEPH P. DUDLEY,	" "	1910.

REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CITY OF BUFFALO.

EX-OFFICIO.

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<i>The Corporation Counsel,</i>	CHARLES L. FELDMAN.
<i>The Superintendent of Education,</i>	HENRY P. EMERSON.

APPOINTED BY THE MAYOR.

FREDERICK C. HUMBURCH, term expires 1907.
NATHANIEL W. NORTON, term expires 1910.

OFFICERS.

<i>President,</i>	. . . . .	JOSEPH P. DUDLEY.
<i>Vice-President,</i>	. . . . .	GEORGE L. WILLIAMS.
<i>Treasurer,</i>	. . . . .	WILLIAM P. REED.
<i>Secretary,</i>	HENRY L. ELMENDORF.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

FREDERICK C. HUMBURCH, *Chairman,*
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WALTER P. COOKE,
NATHANIEL W. NORTON.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

To the Honorable the Common Council of the City of Buffalo :

GENTLEMEN : — I have the honor to present herewith the annual report of the Public Library of the City of Buffalo, covering the year 1905.

The document consists of the detailed report of the Treasurer, Mr. William P. Reed, the certificate of examination and audit of an expert accountant being appended, and the report of the Librarian, Mr. H. L. Elmendorf.

These reports have been submitted to the Board of Directors, carefully examined by them, and adopted as the annual report of the institution.

It is necessary to ask your serious attention to certain details of the report, because of their importance in respect to the necessity for adequate financial support for the coming year.

Responsibility for maintenance of the plant and its activities rests absolutely with Your Honorable Body. The Directors administer the affairs of the library in such a way as not, under any circumstances, to exceed the income. Their service to the city is without reward, either in salary or patronage, and they, therefore, ask, with reason, that sufficient funds be given them to allow them to carry out their task to the reasonable satisfaction of the citizens and to their own honor.

The curtailed appropriation of the last two years has forced an uncomfortable, and, in some instances, an extravagant economy in every part of the work.

The turn over of the books, which in some departments amounts to an average of fifteen times a year, and in none shows less than five, wears out the stock, and it is not an agreeable economy to be obliged to give unpleasantly worn books to eager readers. Readers do not respect such books, and cannot be expected to do so. The supply this year could not even approximate the demand without using many books after they were entitled to honorable discharge.

The whole comfort of the public in access to the books is dependent upon skilled assistants in charge. The Librarian's report shows that seventeen members of the staff have resigned during the year, most of them because the Library was unable to offer salary enough to induce them to remain. It is really waste to lose assistants experienced in the work, for lack of the small increase in salaries that would content them.

The old rooms of the Fine Arts Academy were, of necessity, adapted to the wants of the reference library with just as few changes and little expense as it could be cut to. The proper and economic storage of all the reference library could not be accomplished without a gallery arrangement, which would have cost more than the library was free to spend. As a consequence, many reference books must remain stored in the stack. It is not true economy to store books so that the time of skilled assistants is wasted in getting at them.

These extravagances of economy are not the choice of the Board of Directors; they are compelled because the appropriation will not stretch to cover the ordinary running expenses and any extras.

The Public Library is the school, free, open and inviting, to all those who, by necessity for early earning a livelihood, are cut off with few school days. That portion of the public is so large that proper facilities for helping them should not be denied us.

Besides the pleasure given by the library books, their economic value should be realized. Mechanics, manufacturers, and those interested in arts and crafts, both students and practical workers, come to the library in large and increasing numbers for information on these subjects. We never refuse a request for the purchase of a new book on these lines. Our collection of scientific, technical, and practical books in the trades and manufactures is large and very creditable. Although these books are expensive, none are more valuable for their help to workers, and the money return through the various industries is many times their cost.

We, therefore, join with the Directors of the Grosvenor Library in asking for a lump sum of \$112,500 in full for the city's library appropriation for the year beginning July 1, 1906. The Public Library's proportion would amount to \$90,000, a sum about equal to that percentage of the taxable valuation of the city which was granted for several years.

Finally, we ask Your Honorable Body to order the sale of the Jubilee Water Works property. Its sale will be of benefit in two ways: first, it will restore the estate to the tax rolls of the city, whereas it is now exempt; and, second, its proceeds will provide place and means for a branch library to serve a large and prosperous part of our beautiful city.

J. P. DUDLEY,
President.

For the Board of Directors of the Buffalo Public Library.
January 22, 1906.

NINTH ANNUAL REPORT OF
TREASURER'S REPORT.

Statement of the Treasurer of the Buffalo Public Library from January 1, 1905, to January 1, 1906.

RECEIPTS.

Balance January 1, 1905,	\$. 219.32
City of Buffalo,	76,615.47
Interest from the Buffalo Library Permanent Fund, .	4,818.56
Fines, etc.,	3,482.70
State of New York,	800.00
School Fund,	2,192.64
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	\$ 87,628.69

EXPENDITURES.

Books,	\$ 14,366.57
Periodicals,	1,643.43
Binding,	5,928.92
Printing,	646.95
Library Supplies,	997.75
Fuel,	2,208.74
Light,	3,178.20
Insurance,	536.00
Building,	1,406.79
" Extraordinary Repairs,	5,281.55
Miscellaneous,	2,742.47
Salaries: Library Employees,	40,387.93
Salaries: Building Employees,	5,818.88
Delivery Stations,	1,226.06
Branches,	949.88
Balance, January 1, 1906,	308.57
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	\$ 87,628.69

WILLIAM P. REED, *Treasurer.*

BUFFALO, January 18, 1906.

I have examined the books and vouchers of Mr. Wm. P. Reed, Treasurer of the Buffalo Public Library, and find same correct. The examination covers the period from January 1, 1905, to January 1, 1906.

WILLIAM D. INGERSOLL,
Accountant and Auditor.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

To the Board of Directors of the Buffalo Public Library :

GENTLEMEN,—I have the honor to present the ninth annual report of the Buffalo Public Library, covering the year 1905, the seventieth year since the founding of the Buffalo Library.

The annual meeting of the library staff was held January 9, 1906, when the head of each department presented and read a report. These reports are filed in the library and form the basis of this report.

To make comparison easy, this report follows closely the order of arrangement of former years.

REGISTRATION.

The total number of borrowers, holding two cards each, January 1, 1906, was 59,781, or 1,199 more than a year earlier. New registration numbered 10,468, and there were 5,796 renewals of cards cancelled by expiration.

(See Appendix A.)

CONTENTS OF THE LIBRARY.

The last report showed a total of bound volumes in the permanent collection, January 1, 1905, 211,995

Added during 1905 :

By purchase,	17,922
By gift,	928
By binding,	762
By exchange,	18
Recovered, formerly reported as lost,	32

Total additions, 19,662

Deductions during 1905 :

Charged, but not returned,	76
Lost and paid for,	132
Reported lost, not yet paid for,	24
Lost, worn out, and withdrawn,	10,798

Total deductions, 11,030

Net additions, after all deductions,	8,632
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Total permanent collection,	220,627
Duplicate collection, not catalogued and not in use, . .	2,685

Total bound volumes, January 1, 1906,	223,312
Maps and plans,	1,370
Coast survey charts,	627
Sheet music,	14,355
Pamphlets,	20,001

(See Appendix B.)

CIRCULATION.

Total circulation for home use,	1,172,377
Increase over previous year,	2,222
Days open,	305
Daily average circulation, including all departments, . .	3,806
Per cent. of fiction, including children's stories and fiction in foreign languages, . . . . .	.641
Reduction in fiction, per cent., . . . . .	.008

(See Appendix C.)

DELIVERY AND LOAN DESK.

This is the division of the library that receives all books and gives out all books that are in the main collection, in what is known as the book-stacks.

All new assistants, unless they have had experience in other libraries, and are specially employed for some definite place, are put here for their preliminary instruction. It is necessary for them to know how to receive and charge books and to become acquainted with the contents of the collection.

All books are returned at the delivery counter, and from here, after being examined, they find their way to the shelves of the department to which they belong.

Every person who knows exactly what he wants, either in the way of a definite subject, or the writings of a known author, or a special book, had better make his inquiry at the delivery desk, where he can be accommodated without delay.

About half the circulation of the main library comes from the delivery desk.

As the assistants become proficient, they are taken to the other departments of the library. This always seems in the nature of a promotion, which does not seem quite fair, as skilled work at the delivery desk is extremely important, and some of the best of the library force have always to be retained there.

Duplicates of all the books in the open-shelf department may be found in the stacks.

(*See Appendices B and C.*)

OPEN-SHELF DEPARTMENT.

In December the Open-Shelf Department came into possession of the old reference room, thus extending the main reading room of the library, relieving its overcrowded condition, and giving the extra shelving necessary to accommodate its stock of books. It would have been pleasant to have had an opening, making a little occasion of the time of this needed improvement, which would also serve to advertise the room and its purposes. It seemed better, however, to defer this until the walls can be repainted and the cases changed, so the department took possession without celebrating the event, which is of such importance to the library.

The ability to spend a little money for cleansing and redecorating, and other similar purposes throughout the library, would not only increase the use of the library, but would add much to the pleasure of that use.

Although the buying for this department has been curtailed, the statistics of its use show a small increase, and an analysis of the figures make the growth a very gratifying one. The fiction circulation has dropped 3,676 and the circulation of more solid literature has increased 6,223, making the net gain of 2,547 better than it would at first seem.

The experiment, recorded as a temporary attraction last year, of a small detached case of extra attractive books which do not come under the head of fiction, proved to have so permanent an interest that, with a slight change of the character of its books for the two summer months, it has been continued throughout the year. The number of books shown each day has been about fifty. A simple record of the books has been kept—of the books put out and their use—to insure intelligent variation of the shelves, and this record incidentally confirms our belief that the best advertising for a good

book is to put the book itself where it will be specially noticed, and get into the hands of those who desire to examine it.

Some of the volumes bought specially for this collection, although duplicated in the regular shelves of the open-shelf room, and also in the stacks, have been literally worn out by constant use during the year, many of them being loaned from twenty to thirty times.

The German collection has been increased and its use is great, and the German borrowers appreciate the fact that the library makes every effort to add the best of the new publications, and is always glad to consider requests for individual new books.

The shelves of the French books give much pleasure to many people, although the readers in this language are, as a rule, American students of the language rather than originally French speaking people.

The number of books in the department has been increased to 20,995, of which 19,676 belong to the permanent collection, the remainder being new books temporarily shown in this room.

(See Appendices B and C.)

CHILDREN'S ROOM.

The Children's Room suffered somewhat from the prolonged illness and final resignation of its chief. During the summer months, the room was managed with much faithful effort by two assistants alone, and not much but routine work could be attempted. The room has now a very satisfactory permanent head and another good assistant, making four in all, and its prospects are very bright for the new year.

The Children's Room is not open to its real owners, children under fourteen, until after school hours, *i.e.* from 2.30 to 6.00 P. M.; but grown folk who wish to choose their children's books, and older children, are admitted any time after the library opens until 6 o'clock.

(See Appendices B and C.)

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT.

The lack of funds has told heavily upon this department, as the cut in the library estimates was followed by a reduction in the amount devoted by the City to the schools for library purposes, a proportion of which comes to the library for expenditure, under the arrangement; and as the State gives an amount equal to the City appropriation, the proportion coming to the library was reduced from

\$2,979.80 to \$2,192.64. This made the amount to be contributed from the library's regular fund so much larger that it forbade the taking on of more schools which much needed the class-room libraries.

It is a manifest injustice to exclude any school which desires the system, but the coat must be cut according to the cloth.

A total of 31,518 books, divided into 712 small libraries, has been sent out into 39 public grammar schools, and from these the count shows a circulation of 345,624 times.

The entire collection devoted to school use numbers 35,976 books, including a sample copy of each book used, on exhibition in the teachers' room of the library, for the use of teachers, training school students, and parents.

In considering the work of this department of the library, distinct differences should be observed between what is known as "school work" in Buffalo and in certain other cities, for example, Chicago, St. Louis, and Detroit. In these three cities, the public library takes charge of what is properly known as "supplementary reading," that is, duplicate copies of a single book to be used in class, as a reading book. In Buffalo, this work, carried to a very valuable extent, is done, as we believe it should be, by the School Department itself.

The Superintendent of Primary Grades discovers for herself many of the most desirable books for the littlest children, and such books are hard to find, puts them on the list for supplementary reading, and they are henceforth *hors de combat* for the class-room libraries.

These class-room libraries are each one a small, select collection embodying an attempt to gratify the individual tastes of the children. The library wishes to appeal to the individual child, and to do something to foster the child's ability to choose for himself, believing that what he chooses for himself is that which he grows by, or deteriorates under, all his life long. The desire also is to inculcate and increase the love of good books and reading in early years.

There is an increasing use of the Teachers' Room, both by teachers and training school students. The students use the school exhibit volumes in their preparation for model lessons, and come to a familiarity with the library facilities and the staff of the school department, which cannot fail to be of value in their future life as teachers.

The Christmas exhibit of attractive books for gifts is held in the Teachers' Room, and many parents at this time see, not only the

attractive new books of the exhibit, but the equally attractive though older books in the school collection.

During the meeting of the State Council of School Superintendents held in Buffalo in October, most of the delegates came once at least to the school department. There seemed to be a general agreement as to the undoubted value of school libraries, and the method employed by the Buffalo Library of distributing them, but the classified collection of illustrative pictures seemed to make *special* impression on most of the Superintendents, who were enthusiastic as to the value of the pictures to the children, and interested in the methods of care and distribution.

(See Appendices B and D.)

TRAVELING LIBRARIES.

A slight increase is shown in the number of traveling libraries, 160 as against 149 in 1904, containing in all, 5,661 books, as against 5,115 in 1904. The circulation statistics (9,963) are not a fair representation of the use of these books, for, as a rule, they are used in the place of deposit for reference purposes, instead of for home reading. This is entirely true of the thirty-one libraries sent out to the fire houses, where the books are used to employ pleasantly, and more or less profitably, the enforced leisure of the firemen's long hours of duty.

To educational institutions of various kinds, public, private, and parochial school classes, colleges, seminaries, normal, and truant schools, seventy-one libraries were sent out. Some of the libraries were general collections, but most of them special books, bearing directly on the work in hand at the time.

(See Appendix E).

STATIONS.

The Stations are a difficult, and proportionately expensive, means of library communication at best, and outlying districts would be more satisfactorily served by branches, or even smaller depositories, as soon as our income will permit.

It will be necessary during the coming year, on account of the opening of the Lafayette Branch, to change the location of some of the Stations, putting them further from this book center.

(See Appendix H.)

HIGH SCHOOLS.

Direct service from the main library with the high schools has been abandoned, except with the Masten Park school, because of the proximity to the library of the Central, and of the establishment of a branch library at Lafayette.

The circulation of 12,991 books, with 169 deliveries, seems about all that a school of the size of Masten Park is likely to take.

There have been several traveling libraries in each of the high schools during the year.

BRANCHES AND DEPOSITORIES.

WESTMINSTER HOUSE, NO. 421 MONROE ST. (DEPOSITORY).

The small group of less than five hundred books, opened once a week for exchange, does an interesting and probably beneficial work. The facts that 437 books, including children's picture books, have had a turn over averaging more than fifteen times apiece, and that more than one-quarter of the collection averages to go out each time the library is open, would seem to warrant a somewhat larger collection of books.

(See Appendices B and C, Table 2.)

WELCOME HALL, NO. 404 SENECA ST. (DEPOSITORY).

This settlement house seems also to be one of the library's most worthy avenues of work.

The busy chief of the Department of Schools and Branches makes many a sacrifice rather than forego her afternoon with the children at Welcome Hall, and perhaps no direct work for the department is of so much value to it as this personal service of hers to the little, noisy, eager folk who throng there, for this branch deals very largely with children.

The 577 books were circulated 5,004 times, a gain of 340 over 1904.

The eminent success of these two small depositories clearly demonstrates the value of library books in connection with settlement work.

(See Appendices B and C, Table 2.)

JOSEPH P. DUDLEY BRANCH, NO. 503 SOUTH PARK AVENUE.

The collection of 2,253 volumes, with telephone connection with the main library, and daily delivery thence of books wanted at the

branch, makes a very comfortable library service for South Buffalo. The branch is open every week day from 2 to 9 P. M.

The assistants, used to the rush of the main library, are sometimes inclined to think the work rather slow, but the turn over of an average of more than nine times for each book seems quite satisfactory, especially as much cordial good will and interest are expressed by the people of the quarter.

The location of this branch at South Buffalo is a most desirable one, and we feel that the present use of the branch will certainly be increased as the locality gains in population, which is insured by its proximity to the Steel and Iron Works and new manufacturing industries.

(See Appendices B and C, Table 2.)

WILLIAM IVES BRANCH, NO. 746 BROADWAY.

The 4,478 volumes in English, Polish, and German were circulated 49,416 times, a turn over of eleven times on the average for each book, a falling off from the year before of 3,523 in total circulation. About six per cent. of the circulation is in the German language and 38 per cent. in Polish.

With the close of the year comes the opportunity to rent very desirable rooms in the new Polish building, No. 1079 Broadway, which will enable the library to give the adult population better service by devoting a separate room to the children.

The location will probably prove to be more favorable, being more near the center of the population that the branch should accommodate.

(See Appendices B and C, Table 2.)

LAFAYETTE BRANCH, LAFAYETTE HIGH SCHOOL.

The 2,661 volumes at the Lafayette Branch circulated 32,610 times in the ten months during which the branch was open for use, the building being entirely closed with the close of school.

This is a very large proportionate use, but by no means measures all the activities of the branch, for much reference work is done also.

The use is so great that some extension of hours seems desirable, as the short period from three to five in the afternoon makes it serviceable to women and children only.

It has quite a different mission from that of the other two branches, but is in the midst of a busy, prosperous community, with many book lovers, who will appreciate wider privilege.

The room devoted by the school to library purposes is a very desirable and beautiful one, but already its crowded condition during library hours suggests that, in the near future, it will be necessary for the library to secure, in some way, more room to accommodate the increasing numbers, and it might be well for the city to buy a convenient site in this vicinity and erect a suitable branch.

(See Appendices B and C, Table 2.)

REFERENCE DEPARTMENT.

This department entered, during the last month of the year, into the beautiful rooms on the second floor so long desired. Only such building changes were undertaken as absolutely could not be dispensed with, but the new rooms give light and space, air and quiet, and after all, these, with the books and good assistants, are the chief requirements.

The final plan is to shelve in the old Art Gallery all books which must be used, for one reason or another, within the building, but this requires more shelving than the floors will accommodate, and until a gallery is provided, many of the books must remain in their old places in the stack.

The idea is finally, and as soon as it is possible to make the necessary changes, to have all books on the first floor subject to loan, but all books which do not go out of the library shelved in the Reference Department on the second floor, an arrangement which it is thought will give great satisfaction.

The Ready Reference Room, which is the first room of the old Art Gallery, where the black and white collection was formerly displayed, contains 2,277 volumes. In addition to these, the purely reference library has more than 14,000 volumes of bound magazines, 5,675 public documents, and 1,423 volumes of bound newspapers, and 99 folio volumes in cabinets.

Besides these, the 1,700 volumes of the local collection are nearly all for reference only, and there are quite a number of reserve sets of standard authors which will finally be placed in these upper rooms.

PERIODICAL DEPARTMENT.

There is little change to report in this department. It is a light, quiet, pleasant room, with a good list of magazines conveniently arranged. The periodicals on file number 298, of which seventy-five

are gifts. Of these, 214 are bound, as the volumes are complete, and added to the permanent collection.

(See Appendix F.)

NEWSPAPER DEPARTMENT.

There are now on file in the Newspaper room fifty-two daily and thirty-one weekly papers.

Volumes of the local dailies are bound, as completed. Until the removal of the Reference department to its larger rooms, the bound newspapers, of which the library possesses a most valuable collection, were kept in the vaults under the Newspaper room. They are now in much more accessible quarters in the rear of the Reference department.

(See Appendix G.)

CATALOGUE DEPARTMENT.

The work of the Catalogue Department is so purely technical that the record of its progress is of little apparent interest to any but technical readers. The catalogues are, however, for both the public and the staff, the keys to the library, and their completeness and accuracy are absolutely necessary to any economic use of the library. Therefore, the statistics of progress in the completion of the reorganization of the old collection of books, as well as the orderly disposal of all new purchases, are of the utmost importance.

Nearly 58,000 cards have been added to the dictionary catalogue and about 8,400 cards to the staff catalogue, and about 1,400 cards to the catalogues at the branches. Out of this number, 17,535 are printed cards bought from the Library of Congress, at a cost of \$147.70. These are most excellent cards, and the library would be glad to use a greater proportion of those issued by the National Library, if it were possible. The very small cost—much less than we can do the work for ourselves—and even more desirable work than ours, because they have much greater bibliographical facilities than we own, highly commends the work done by the Government to assist libraries throughout the country.

Since the summer of 1898, all new books bought by the library have been catalogued in the dictionary catalogue, and slowly, class by class, the books of the old collection and those added during the first eighteen months of the present institution have been recatalogued.

Substantial progress has been made, and the more popular classes, except the last two-thirds of fiction and about half of biography, are finished. There remain to be finished, besides the exceptions named, certain difficult classes, very necessary to a complete library for students, but not greatly used by the general reading public.

The detailing of one member of the catalogue staff to catalogue all English prose fiction, with desk in Order Department on first floor, has proved an economic and, in all ways, satisfactory arrangement. English prose fiction will, probably, all be added to the dictionary catalogue within the year 1906.

It would be very desirable, could the proper person be found, to add to the catalogue force at least one experienced assistant, in order that the old work might be cleared up, and our dictionary catalogue made complete as soon as possible.

PUBLICATIONS.

The Publication Department has been restricted this year to the issue of five of our customary lists of recent additions, and five small book lists. These book lists are inexpensive, and very much appreciated by our readers, and eagerly sought for by other libraries.

The edition of our school catalogue, "Class-room libraries for public schools," is practically exhausted. The publication originally cost \$895. It was distributed *free* in Buffalo to all our public schools and to those specially interested in children's work, and sold to other libraries, the return on our cost being \$581.74.

A new edition of this catalogue has been prepared for the printer, and publication authorized by the Board. The expense will be \$1,000, a large part of which will be returned from the sales. We hope to be able to print this year.

There is a great demand in the library for a catalogue of the Open-shelf books. The matter for this has been in preparation for a year, and its publication is authorized by the Board when the funds will permit. This will cost about \$700, more than half of which, we can calculate, will be returned from the sales. This catalogue is annotated, giving a description, or a criticism, of all books needing comment. It would be well to print this very soon.

ORDER AND ACCESSIONS DEPARTMENT.

Through this department pass, each year, all additions to the library, whether by purchase, by gift, by exchange, or by binding.

Here all memoranda for book purchases are corrected, arranged for the stenographer to copy, and filed to be used in checking all bills as they come from the dealers.

All gifts are examined and recorded here, for it is sometimes necessary to look a gift book in the pages. Decision is here made as to whether it is to be added to the permanent collection, and therefore accessioned and catalogued, or simply to be added to the duplicate collection, which constitutes a group for exchange.

The additions to the library during 1905 are shown under "Contents of the library" (p. 1). Besides these, there have passed through the Order Department 3,461 gifts, articles, books (1,068), pamphlets (1,250), magazine numbers, maps, and charts, which have all been acknowledged.

Through this department also passed the 1,295 volumes bought by the library for the school reference libraries on request of the school principals.

BINDERY.

Total number of volumes bound,	16,345
Magazines placed in board covers,	1,932
Magazines and pamphlets in manila covers,	1,260
Total cost of binding,	\$5,879.32

The decrease in the number of pieces handled of 4,322 from the total of last year is partly due to special conditions in the bindery during the month of April, when about 500 under the average of books were turned out. The bindery is now in much better quarters than ever before, and we therefore hope to do more rebinding during the coming year.

Here all new books are labeled and finished ready for the shelves, and the necessary minor repairs made and old books relabeled.

LIBRARY RECEIPTS.

Fines,	\$2,994.93
Catalogues sold,	54.20
Books lost and paid for,	135.41
Reserve postal cards,	227.95
Miscellaneous,	70.21
Total,	<u>\$3,482.70</u>

STAFF.

By request, the Board has changed the titles of the executive officers of the library from "Superintendent" and "Assistant Superintendent" to "Librarian" and "Assistant Librarian," titles that are more commonly used throughout the profession, and much better understood.

Rather more changes than usual have occurred in the personnel of the staff, seventeen names occurring on the rolls for 1904 being dropped. Some resignations have been made to take other professional positions, some on account of marriage, and some on account of ill-health.

The teaching of untrained persons is a most serious part of the duties of heads of departments, and the helping of even technically trained people to become way-wise in this particular library is no small task.

Heretofore, assistants have been trained to the specific work which they were to perform. They have become expert in their own duties, but many of them lack that general knowledge of library work, particularly on its technical side, which would enable them to take positions of greater responsibility.

Your Librarian feels that, if possible, some changes should be made in systematizing and generalizing the training of assistants after their appointment, both for the benefit of the library and for the benefit of the staff. We hope to undertake this much-needed improvement during the coming year if circumstances permit.

The Civil Service examination and the two weeks trial sift out those applicants who are absolutely unfitted by attainments, or character, for library work, and those who are finally left after this winnowing process are of varying power and attainments.

We were particularly fortunate in the result of the last two examinations, the result yielding us some very desirable workers. It is not too much to say that the library has accepted *all* local applicants that our simple examination and practical trial have proved to be capable of doing the work. It is highly desirable that the assistants should come from Buffalo homes, and local applicants are always given the preference.

Especial attention is called to the fact that, although the library work has extended in every department, the Treasurer's report shows the total amount expended for salaries this year to be \$429.82 less

than last year. This has been caused by the increasing skill of the assistants to turn off work, resulting in a decrease in the average of persons employed. It is necessary, in a moderate way, to show an appreciation of this improvement by increased salaries, and there are many in the library at present who are deserving of more money than is now paid them. A small amount spent in this way will greatly add to the efficiency of the library.

At the present salaries paid it is difficult to hold our best workers, as their worth is recognized in other places, which are willing to pay more. This is particularly true in the case of the young men who show any aptitude for library work.

GENERAL.

The library has been able to hold its own in all particulars except the renewing of worn-out books. This is a very serious proposition. The library should have at least 5,000 volumes at once to replace copies which the constant use has worn out.

Our permanent collection is becoming each year more valuable. This is especially true of what we call the local collection, consisting of books relating to the Niagara Frontier, including our extremely valuable collection on the War of 1812, and books of local writers. We never miss an opportunity to increase our collection along these lines. The books are permanently preserved in the library, and in years to come will prove a mine of information to those studying the growth of the city since its founding.

It is painful to call attention to the walls and ceilings of the library. It is now ten years since anything save cleaning has been done, and almost every room needs redecorating and painting. To put the library in a clean and attractive dress would need only about \$1,200, and this could be included in the regular expenses, under the very moderate appropriation asked for.

The press of the city has continued to be a good friend of the library, never omitting an opportunity to publish its news, and advertise its doings.

The Board has, by wise and careful attention, controlled the policy and strongly supported the executive management of the library, and deserves much from the citizens of Buffalo for the institution's success. Respectfully submitted,

H. L. ELMENDORF, *Librarian.*

January 19, 1906.

APPENDIX A.

Registration.

Number of registered borrowers, January 1, 1905, . . . 58,582

Registered during 1905 :

New registration:

Over 14 years, 6,903

Under 14 years, 3,565

Total, 10,468

Renewals:

Over 14 years, 1,075

Under 14 years, 109

Total, 1,184

Renewals of cards previously
cancelled by expiration:

Over 14 years, 4,282

Under 14 years, 830

Total, 4,612

Total number cards issued, 16,264

74,846

Cancelled cards:

Cancelled by renewal:

Over 14 years, 1,075

Under 14 years, 109

Total, 1,184

Cancelled by expiration:

Over 14 years, 8,704

Under 14 years, 2,470

Total, 11,174

Cancelled for other reasons:

Over 14 years, 1,772

Under 14 years, 935

Total, 2,707

Total cancellations, 15,065

Total number cards in force January 1, 1906, 59,781

APPENDIX B.

Classified Contents of Library.

	Books. Totals, Jan. 1, 1905.	Per Cent.	Gross Additions, 1905.	Per Cent.	Net Additions, 1905.	Per Cent.	Books. Totals, Jan. 1, 1906.
General works,	10,980	.053	202	.012	185	.024	11,165
Philosophy,	3,020	.015	104	.006	92	.012	3,112
Religion, mythology, fairy tales,	11,005	.053	1,060	.061	296	.039	11,301
Sociology,	20,383	.099	1,868	.108	1,280	.168	21,663
Philology,	1,049	.006	28	.002	12	.002	1,061
Natural science,	12,635	.061	932	.054	369	.048	13,004
Useful arts,	8,627	.042	645	.037	460	.060	9,087
Fine arts,	6,889	.033	341	.019	223	.029	7,112
Literature,	23,963	.116	2,411	.139	687	.090	24,650
Prose fiction,	63,797	.309	7,206	.416	2,476	.324	66,273
History,	19,109	.092	1,037	.060	588	.077	19,697
Travel,	11,603	.056	914	.053	529	.070	12,132
Biography,	11,713	.057	512	.029	377	.049	12,090
Local history and literature, .	1,626	.008	65	.004	65	.008	1,691
Totals,	206,399		17,825		7,639		214,038
Recovered, formerly reported as lost,			32				
Children's picture books, . .	5,596		2,305		998		6,589
Totals,	211,995		19,662				
Total permanent collection:							220,627
Net additions, Jan. 1, 1905, to Jan. 1, 1906,					8,632		
Duplicate volumes not cata- logued and not in use, . .							2,685
Grand total books, January 1, 1906,							223,312

Per Cent.	Stack.	Refer- ence Room.	Open Shelf Room.	Chil- dren's Room.	School Dep't.	Wm. Ives Branch	Lafay- ette Branch	J. P. Dudley Branch	West- minster House.	Wel- come Hall.	Pam- phlets.
.052	10,418	650	23	22	12	19	1	20	. . .	. . .	3,286
.015	2,677	5	279	23	4	71	30	23	. . .	. . .	416
.053	8,228	177	360	327	1,847	125	71	69	51	46	772
.101	18,006	284	745	290	1,992	132	66	85	30	33	5,959
.005	800	184	31	3	4	28	6	5	. . .	. . .	63
.061	7,943	57	870	791	2,956	119	112	105	23	28	875
.042	7,212	201	548	238	696	78	34	63	7	10	2,281
.033	5,819	75	558	231	251	52	67	54	2	3	719
.115	15,722	157	1,524	830	5,046	642	340	250	55	84	249
.310	34,293	. . .	12,229	3,092	11,148	2,531	1,347	1,140	198	295	. . .
.092	14,308	133	1,299	702	2,489	293	236	192	13	32	980
.057	7,725	86	972	644	2,113	231	167	141	29	24	421
.056	8,751	251	1,157	385	1,092	147	184	101	8	14	767
.008	1,674	17	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	3,213
	143,576	2,277	20,595	7,578	29,650	4,468	2,661	2,248	416	569	20,001
				218	6,326	10	1	5	21	8	
	143,576	2,277	20,595	7,796	35,976	4,478	2,662	2,253	437	577	20,001

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APPENDIX C: 1.
Circulation by Classes.

Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Totals.	Per Cent.
1,877	1,855	2,101	1,819	1,678	1,724	1,559	1,889	1,790	1,954	1,850	1,782	21,678	.018
668	608	750	550	517	532	372	460	464	609	501	592	6,709	.006
751	770	909	710	588	502	400	467	606	827	778	771	8,098	.007
1,464	1,623	1,700	1,402	1,890	1,020	653	675	1,121	1,418	1,476	1,154	15,964	.014
193	207	214	180	176	163	120	143	192	307	202	202	2,909	.002
3,899	3,760	7,397	4,272	4,396	1,275	968	1,012	6,273	6,167	5,904	3,502	48,130	.041
2,129	2,171	3,110	2,127	1,902	1,164	1,161	1,293	2,486	2,625	2,307	1,824	24,239	.021
1,826	2,028	2,554	1,746	1,648	1,170	1,061	1,159	1,909	1,835	1,996	1,585	20,515	.019
10,944	9,947	19,024	11,572	12,286	4,392	3,537	6,539	15,022	17,691	15,930	11,243	135,127	.115
4,780	5,111	7,452	4,690	4,810	2,000	1,735	1,861	6,914	6,884	6,216	4,855	57,279	.049
4,421	4,342	6,631	4,334	4,139	1,986	1,710	1,721	5,796	5,916	5,387	3,998	50,379	.042
2,586	2,980	4,077	2,817	2,484	1,286	977	1,042	2,086	3,061	3,080	2,346	28,822	.025
65,887	61,994	90,755	66,088	63,668	40,138	38,261	40,418	74,021	78,094	73,958	58,963	752,243	.642
01,425	97,398	147,243	102,114	99,182	57,990	52,519	55,419	119,971	127,308	118,993	92,615	1,172,377	1.000

Number of days open, 306.

main library, 4,964.
main library, 1,509.

Daily average, main library, 2,651.

Daily average, all departments, 3,906.

APPENDIX C: 2.

Circulation by Departments.

1905	Desk.	Open Shelves.	Children's Room.	Class-Room Libraries.	Books Issued to Class-Room Libraries.	Stations.	High Schools.	Westminster House.	Welcome Hall.	Wm. Ives Branch.	Jos. P. Dudley Branch.	Lafayette High School Branch.	Total Branches.	Traveling Libraries.	Totals.
January,	23,837	25,035	6,227	26,918	.....	4,138	1,023	610	471	4,930	1,986	3,358	11,355	2,892	101,425
February,	23,932	24,942	7,862	22,172	.....	4,031	1,553	550	513	5,068	2,111	3,882	12,124	782	97,398
March, .	26,620	27,148	9,103	60,760	.....	5,003	2,055	706	635	5,809	2,509	4,945	14,604	1,950	147,243
April, .	21,730	22,476	7,448	32,242	.....	4,586	1,294	720	433	4,474	2,108	3,919	11,654	884	102,814
May, .	20,204	20,208	5,684	35,151	.....	4,526	1,766	821	385	3,833	1,740	3,556	10,335	1,308	99,182
June, .	18,792	19,328	5,233	761	.....	4,500	497	525	405	3,503	1,570	1,576	7,579	1,300	57,990
July, .	17,214	18,387	5,592	.....	.....	4,337	.....	522	272	3,380	1,438	.....	5,612	1,377	52,519
August, .	19,176	19,844	5,886	.....	.....	4,490	.....	427	258	3,466	1,602	.....	5,753	270	55,419
September	20,082	20,178	4,540	31,804	30,130	4,193	592	388	322	3,090	1,426	1,831	7,057	1,395	119,971
October,	22,267	22,033	5,716	59,751	1,185	4,302	1,484	589	314	3,559	1,571	3,241	9,274	1,296	127,308
November	22,730	22,655	7,328	49,034	203	4,133	1,601	440	434	3,876	1,905	3,766	10,421	888	118,993
December	20,702	21,140	7,772	27,031	.....	3,843	1,126	352	562	4,428	1,841	2,536	9,719	1,282	92,615
Totals,	237,286	263,374	78,391	345,624	31,518	52,082	12,991	6,650	5,004	49,416	21,807	32,610	115,624	15,624	1,172,377

APPENDIX C : 3.

Circulation—Comparative Statement.

	1901	1902	1903	1904	1905
January,	92,729	94,443	98,244	96,014	101,425
February,	89,516	89,932	90,788	98,241	97,398
March,	109,688	114,690	118,257	142,188	147,243
April,	84,952	104,035	95,652	111,109	102,314
May,	79,117	94,749	80,359	90,876	99,182
June,	49,734	65,486	52,653	55,432	57,990
July,	47,709	59,737	51,663	55,128	52,519
August,	50,837	57,669	51,667	57,916	55,419
September,	82,204	111,489	109,540	112,425	119,971
October,	98,332	115,871	121,230	130,107	127,308
November,	96,832	98,764	114,381	119,721	118,993
December,	85,300	87,559	101,088	100,998	92,615
Totals,	966,450	1,094,424	1,085,522	1,170,155	1,172,377

Gain, 1st quarter, 9,623

Gain, 3d quarter, 2,440

“ 2d quarter, 2,069

Loss, 4th quarter, 11,910

Net gain, 2,222

APPENDIX D.

Grammar School Libraries.

School.	Street.	Libraries.	Books.	Circulation.
3	Perry,	11	423	3,647
5	Seneca,	15	616	4,636
6	S. Division,	16	695	6,397
7	S. Bailey,	16	709	8,817
9	Bailey,	31	1,320	13,864
10	Delaware,	10	444	4,146
13	Oak,	10	485	3,860
14	Franklin,	9	405	2,810
15	Oak and Burton,	18	835	9,738
17	Main,	23	970	11,157
18	School,	26	1,161	16,012
19	West,	25	1,121	9,547
20	Amherst,	14	635	5,434
21	Hertel,	7	370	2,492
22	N. Main,	7	330	3,620
23	E. Delavan,	9	417	6,090
24	Fillmore,	34	1,527	20,080
25	Lewis,	14	600	6,786
26	Milton,	22	982	7,307
27	Mineral Springs,	19	870	10,232
28	Abbott Road,	20	925	9,167
33	Elk,	16	710	6,072
36	Day's Park,	11	468	4,049
37	Carlton,	27	1,188	10,783
39	High,	30	1,315	12,697
43	Lovejoy,	29	1,308	21,962
44	Broadway,	28	1,189	14,357
47	Hickory,	14	664	7,906
49	Vermont,	13	588	5,306
50	Eagle,	12	526	12,486
51	Hertel,	17	736	7,625
52	Bird,	24	1,033	11,843
53	Winslow,	24	1,177	15,628
55	Guilford,	25	1,025	9,398
56	Elmwood,	18	810	8,361
58	Rother,	26	1,094	14,561
59	Glenwood,	17	742	6,156
60	Ontario,	16	683	6,951
Practice,	Normal,	9	422	3,644
Totals,		712	31,518	345,624

School Library year, nine months.

APPENDIX E.

Traveling Libraries.

Jan.	3.	Highland Park L. C.,	Modern France,	14
"	3.	Masten Park High School, Dr.		
		Trant,	Psychology,	13
"	4.	Canisius College, Father Senn,	Literature,	13
"	5.	Kindergarten Training Class,	Pedagogy,	25
"	11.	Zion House,	General,	90
"	14.	General Hospital,	General,	244
"	17.	Welcome Hall Civic Club,	Patriotism,	7
"	18.	Homeopathic Hospital,	General,	38
"	19.	Trenton Avenue Chapel,	General,	60
"	20.	Church Home,	General,	54
"	20.	Woman's Hospital,	General,	25
"	24.	School No. 43, Kindergarten		
		Mothers' Club,	General,	25
"	31.	Buffalo Seminary, Miss Burnside,	Architecture,	6
"	31.	St. Margaret's School, Miss		
		Kennedy,	Literature,	20
Feb.	2.	Normal School, Miss Dunston,	American History,	34
"	6.	School No. 31, Miss Cotter,	Crusades,	15
"	6.	Masten Park High School, Mrs.	Beautifying of	
		Ryerson,	Cities,	8
"	6.	School No. 26, Miss Durney,	English,	5
"	8.	School No. 16, Miss Bauman,	American History,	8
"	8.	School No. 16, Miss Kavanagh,	American History,	11
"	8.	Y. W. C. A.,	General,	48
"	10.	School No. 10, Mr. Alvord,	Education,	23
"	14.	St. Paul's Parish House, Tuesday		
		Evening Club,	General,	80
"	16.	Masten Park High School, Miss		
		Alport,	Mediaeval History,	25
"	20.	School No. 10, Mr. Alvord,	Music,	175
"	21.	Erie County Hospital,	General,	30
"	24.	St. Paul's Parish House, Women's		
		Club,	General,	50
"	24.	School No. 10, Miss Palmer,	Folk-lore,	4

Mar. 1.	Masten Park High School, Mr.		
	Fosdick,	Humane Topics, .	30
" 3.	Mr. H. J. Fellows,	Music,	80
" 6.	Lafayette High School, Miss		
	Hickman,	American History,	40
" 9.	St. Agnes Church,	General,	45
" 18.	Truant School,	General,	40
" 15.	St. Bartholomew's S. S.,	General,	66
" 15.	Hard Manufacturing Co.,	General,	70
" 15.	East Presbyterian S. S.,	General,	60
" 15.	Miss Grace Gillette,	General,	30
" 18.	St. Margaret's School, Miss Fiske,	English History, .	24
" 20.	School No. 10, Miss Ney,	English,	11
" 29.	St. Margaret's School, Miss		
	Kennedy,	Literature,	35
Apr. 5.	De Sales Literary Society,	General,	50
" 21.	Lebanon Y. P. S. C. E.,	General,	95
" 24.	Normal School, Miss Dunston,	American History,	18
May 1.	Dr. Gleason's, 307 Mortimer		
	Street,	General,	75
" 18.	Buffalo Seminary, Miss Carroll,	English History, .	14
" 18.	Truant School,	General,	35
June 13.	St. Margaret's School, Miss		
	Livermore,	Child Study,	8
" 21.	Mr. Daniel Upton,	General,	42
" 24.	First United Presbyterian S. S.,	General,	85
July 5.	Miss Alice A. Roth,	Drawing,	6
" 6.	Vacation School No. 2,	General,	25
" 6.	Vacation School No. 13,	General,	24
" 6.	Vacation School No. 33,	General,	48
" 6.	Vacation School No. 35,	General,	30
" 6.	Vacation School No. 42,	General,	28
" 6.	Vacation School No. 44,	General,	24
" 6.	Vacation School No. 57,	General,	24
" 6.	Zion House,	General,	100
" 8.	School No. 43, Mothers' Club,	General,	42
" 27.	Police Station No. 9,	General,	24
" 28.	Mr. H. H. Moyer,	Philosophy,	10
" 29.	Welcome Hall, Miss Canby,	General,	8

Aug. 2.	Miss Lois Palmer,	General,	15
" 2.	Miss Josephine Durney,	Geography,	10
" 2.	Fresh Air Mission,	General,	33
" 11.	Children's Hospital,	General,	25
Sept. 5.	Stanton Street Kindergarten,	Picture and Story,	30
" 6.	Rev. R. B. Adams,	Missions,	37
" 7.	Buffalo Academy of the Sacred Heart,	Sciences,	52
" 7.	School No. 36, Miss Gates,	Education,	22
" 11.	School No. 10, Mr. Alvord,	Child Study,	42
" 11.	School No. 16, Miss Kavanagh,	American History,	10
" 11.	Canisius College, Mr. Bapst,	Literature,	16
" 11.	School No. 31, Miss Rosa,	American History,	12
" 11.	School No. 31, Miss Cotter,	American History,	12
" 11.	School No. 31, Miss Chambers,	American History,	10
" 13.	Remington Kindergarten,	Picture and Story,	25
" 15.	Mount St. Joseph Academy,	General,	94
" 16.	Miss Zingsheim,	American History,	11
" 18.	School No. 10, Miss Kempke,	Mythology,	21
" 18.	Normal School, Miss Dunston,	American History,	41
" 18.	St. Margaret's School, Miss Kennedy,	American History,	31
" 19.	Mrs. L. W. Simpson,	American History,	26
" 19.	School No. 16, Miss Bauman,	American History,	10
" 19.	Masten Park High School, Mr. Stagg,	American History,	41
" 20.	St. Vincent's School,	American History,	12
" 21.	Lafayette High School, Miss Hirschfield,	General,	63
" 23.	School No. 14, Miss Gies,	Recitations,	8
" 25.	Central High School, Miss Ken- ner,	English,	35
" 25.	Mr. Joseph Mischka,	Music,	78
" 27.	Mr. W. J. Sheehan,	Music,	175
" 30.	Police Station No. 11,	General,	25
" 30.	Lebanon Y. P. S. C. E.,	General,	90
Oct. 2.	St. Margaret's School, Miss Can- field,	Art,	26
" 2.	Highland Park L. C.,	French Literature,	22

Oct.	5.	Mr. Angelo M. Read,	Music,	143
"	5.	Buffalo Seminary, Miss Caryl,	History,	6
"	6.	Ingleside Home,	General,	25
"	6.	St. Paul's Parish House, Women's Club,	General,	50
"	9.	Y. W. C. A.,	General,	85
"	10.	School No. 10, Miss Hagerty,	Literature,	18
"	11.	Lafayette High School, Miss Weiffenbach,	Art,	10
"	12.	Masten Park High School, Miss Neill,	English,	5
"	16.	Night School No. 89, Mr. Mc- Greevy,	General,	140
"	18.	St. Margaret's School, Mrs. Van Winkle,	Bible Study,	24
"	18.	St. Andrew's Guild,	General,	30
"	19.	Wm. B. Lipphardt,	Literature,	8
"	20.	School No. 42, Miss Ellis,	Picture and Story,	21
"	26.	Parkside Unitarian S. S.,	General,	30
Nov.	6.	St. Margaret's School, Miss Taylor,	Literature,	14
"	8.	Lafayette High School, Miss Freeman,	Civil Government,	15
"	11.	Woman's Hospital,	General,	25
"	13.	Erie County Hospital,	General,	50
"	16.	School No. 10, Mr. Alvord,	Music,	149
"	17.	St. Margaret's School, Miss Kennedy,	Literature,	26
"	18.	St. Margaret's School, Miss Fiske,	History,	26
"	20.	St. Margaret's School, Miss Raiguel,	Sciences,	13
"	20.	School No. 59, Miss St. John,	Crusades,	4
"	21.	General Hospital,	General,	70
"	27.	St. Margaret's School, Miss Can- field,	Art,	16
Dec.	5.	School No. 10, Miss Ney,	Myths,	12
"	6.	School No. 43, Kindergarten Mothers' Club,	General,	45
"	6.	Truant School,	General,	40

Dec. 7.	Hard Manufacturing Co.,	General,	76
" 12.	Normal School, Miss Dunston,	American History,	16
" 21.	Glenwood Avenue Baptist S. S.,	General,	66
" 29.	School No. 10, Miss Palmer,	Nature Study,	3
" 30.	Police Station No. 9,	General,	25
" 30.	Police Station No. 11,	General,	25
Total,			4,917

Firemen's Libraries.

Engine No. 2,	24
" " 3 and Truck No. 3,	24
" " 4,	24
" " 5,	24
" " 6,	24
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" " 21 and Truck No. 6,	24
" " 22,	24
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Chemical No. 3,	24
" " 4,	24
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" " 6,	24

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APPENDIX F.

Periodicals

- *Academe, *f*.
 Academy, *w*.
 American Antiquarian, *bi-m*.
 American Architect, International ed., *w*.
 American Catholic Review, *q*.
 American Chemical Journal, *m*.
 American Economic Association, Papers, *irregular*.
 American Historical Review, *q*.
 American Homes and Gardens, *m*.
 American Institute of Electrical Engineers, Transactions, *m*.
 *American Investments, *m*.
 American Journal of Archæology, *q*.
 American Journal of Mathematics, *q*.
 American Journal of Nursing, *m*.
 American Journal of Philology, *irregular*.
 American Journal of Psychology, *q*.
 American Journal of Science, *m*.
 American Journal of Sociology, *bi-m*.
 American Machinist, *w*.
 American Monthly Magazine, *m*.
 American Monthly Review of Reviews, *m*.
 American Naturalist, *m*.
 American Statistical Association, Papers, *q*.
 Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science, *bi-m*.
 *Annals of the Propagation of Faith, *bi-m*.
 Antiquary, *m*.
 Architects' and Builders' Magazine, *m*.
 Architectural Record, *m*.
 Architectural Review, *m*.
 Arena, *m*.
 Army and Navy Journal, *w*.
 Art Journal, *m*.
 *Association Men, *m*.
 *Association Review, *m*.
 Athenæum, *w*.
 Atlantic Monthly, *m*.
 Auk, *q*.
 *Automobile Topics, *w*.
 Babyhood, *m*.
 Bankers' Magazine, *m*.
 *Berkshire Industrial Farm Record, *m*.
 Biblical World, *m*.
 Biblioteka Warszawska, *m*.
 Biesiada Literacka, *w*.
 Bird-Lore, *bi-m*.
 Birds and Nature, *m*.
 Black and White, *w*.
 Blackwood's Magazine, *m*.
 Bluszcz, *w*.
 *Board of Trade Journal, Scranton, *m*.
 Bookman, *m*.
 Book News, *m*.
 *Boys' and Girls', *m*.
 Brick Builder, *m*.
 *Bubier's Popular Electrician, *m*.
 *Buffalo Manufacturer, *m*.

- *Buffalo Medical Journal, *m*.
 Bulletin of the American Geographical Society, *m*.
 *Calendar, *m*.
 Canadian Magazine, *m*.
 Cassier's Magazine, *m*.
 Catholic University Bulletin, *q*.
 Catholic World, *m*.
 Century, *m*.
 Chambers's Journal, *m*.
 Charities, *w*.
 Chautauquan, *m*.
 *Christian Science Journal, *m*.
 Christian Work and Evangelist, *w*.
 Churchman, *w*.
 *Club Notes, *m*.
 *College Folio, *m*.
 Collier's Weekly, *w*.
 *Consular Reports, *m*.
 Contemporary Review, *m*.
 *Cook's American Traveler's Gazette, *m*.
 Cornhill Magazine, *m*.
 Cosmopolitan, *m*.
 Country Life in America, *m*.
 Craftsman, *m*.
 Critic, *m*.
 *Crop Reporter, *m*.
 Cumulative Book Review Digest, *m*.
 Current Literature, *m*.
 *Deaconess Tidings, *m*.
 Deutsche Litteratur Zeitung, *w*.
 Deutsche Rundschau, *m*.
 Dial, *f*.
 *Dog Fancier, *m*.
 Dublin Review, *q*.
 Eclectic Magazine, *m*.
 Economic Journal, *q*.
 Economist, *w*.
 Edinburgh Review, *q*.
 Education, *m*.
 Educational Review, *m*.
 *Educator, *m*.
 Electrical Review, *w*.
 Electrical World, *w*.
 Engineering, *w*.
 Engineering and Mining Journal, *w*.
 Engineering Magazine, *m*.
 Engineering News, *w*.
 Engineering Record, *w*.
 English Historical Review, *q*.
 English Illustrated Magazine, *m*.
 Essex Antiquarian, *q*.
 Etude, *m*.
 Everybody's Magazine, *m*.
 *Exports Declared, *q*.
 *Flaming Sword, *w*.
 Forestry and Irrigation, *m*.
 Fortnightly Review, *m*.
 Forum, *q*.
 *Fraternal Monitor, *m*.
 *Free Russia, *m*.
 Garden Magazine, *m*.
 Gartenlaube, *f*.
 Gentleman's Magazine, *m*.
 Geographical Journal, *m*.
 Geological Magazine, *m*.
 Good Government, *m*.
 *Gospel Trumpet, *w*.
 Graphic, *w*.
 Harper's Bazar, *m*.
 Harper's Monthly, *m*.
 Harper's Weekly, *w*.
 *Hartford Seminary Record, *q*.

- *Health Department (Buffalo),
Monthly Report, *m*.
- *Herald of the Cross, *m*.
- *Herald of the Golden Age, *m*.
- *Hospital Leaflet, *m*.
- *Housekeeper, *m*.
- Illustrated London News, *w*.
- Illustration, L', *w*.
- Illustrierte Zeitung, *w*.
- Independent, *w*.
- *Indian's Friend, *m*.
- Inland Architect, *m*.
- International Journal of Ethics, *q*.
- International Quarterly, *q*.
- International Studio, *m*.
- *Johns Hopkins University Circulars, *irregular*.
- Johns Hopkins University Studies in Historical and Political Science, *numbered series*.
- Journal of American Folk Lore, *q*.
- Journal of Biblical Literature, *irregular*.
- Journal of Education, *w*.
- Journal of Geology, *m*.
- Journal of Political Economy, *q*.
- Journal of the American Chemical Society, *m*.
- *Journal of the Association of Engineering Societies, *m*.
- *Journal of the Association of Military Surgeons, *m*.
- Journal of the Franklin Institute, *m*.
- Journal of the Institution of Electrical Engineers, *irregular*.
- Journal of the Royal Statistical Society, *q*.
- Journal of the Society of Chemical Industry, *f*.
- Journal of the Western Society of Engineers, *bi-m*.
- *Journal of Zoophily, *m*.
- Judge, *w*.
- Juvenile Court Record, *m*.
- Kindergarten Magazine, *m*.
- Knowledge, *m*.
- Ksiakszka, *m*.
- Ladies' Home Journal, *m*.
- *Ladies' Review, *m*.
- *Leaves of Healing, *w*.
- *Le Couteulx Leader, *w*.
- Library Index, *m*.
- Library Index, *q*.
- Library Journal, *m*.
- Library World, *m*.
- Life, *w*.
- Lippincott's Magazine, *m*.
- Literarische Echo, Das, *f*.
- Literarischer Handweiser, *f*.
- Literary News, *m*.
- Literary World, *m*.
- Littell's Living Age, *w*.
- Little Folks, *m*.
- *Louisiana Planter, *w*.
- *Lyceumite, *m*.
- McClure's Magazine, *m*.
- Macmillan's Magazine, *m*.
- Magazine of Art, *m*.
- Magazine of History, *m*.
- Manual Training Magazine, *q*.
- Marine Review, *w*.
- *Masten Park Chronicle, *q*.
- *Men of Buffalo, *m*.
- Merchants' Association Review, *m*.
- Mind, *q*.
- *Mines and Minerals, *m*.

* Gift.

- Missionary Review, *m*.
 Modern Language Association of America, Publications, *q*.
 Monist, *q*.
 *Monthly Bulletin of the Bureau of American Republics, *m*.
 Monthly Cumulative Book Index, *m*.
 *Monthly Gazette of English Literature, *m*.
 Monthly Review, *m*.
 Municipal Engineering, *m*.
 Munsey's Magazine, *m*.
 Musical Courier, *w*.
 *Mutual Underwriter, *m*.
 Nation, *w*.
 *National Geographic Magazine, *m*.
 National Review, *m*.
 Nature, *w*.
 *New Century Path, *w*.
 New England Historical and Genealogical Register, *q*.
 New England Magazine, *m*.
 New York Genealogical and Biographical Record, *q*.
 Nineteenth Century, *m*.
 North American Review, *m*.
 Notes and Queries, *w*.
 *Official Gazette of the U. S. Patent Office, *w*.
 Official Railway Guide, *m*.
 Open Court, *m*.
 *Open Window, *m*.
 *Our Record, *m*.
 Outing, *m*.
 Outlook, *w*.
 Overland Monthly, *m*.
 Pacific Municipalities, *m*.
 Pall Mall Magazine, *m*.
 Pedagogical Seminary, *q*.
 Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography, *q*.
 Petermann's Mitteilungen, *m*.
 Petermann's Mitteilungen Ergänzungsheft, *numbered series*.
 Philistine, *m*.
 Philosophical Magazine, *m*.
 Philosophical Review, *bi-m*.
 *Phonetic Journal, *w*.
 Political Science Quarterly, *q*.
 Popular Astronomy, *m*.
 Popular Science Monthly, *m*.
 *Postal Record, *m*.
 Power, *m*.
 Printers' Ink, *w*.
 *Psychological Bulletin, *m*.
 Psychological Review, *bi-m*.
 Public Libraries, *m*.
 Public Opinion, *w*.
 *Public, The, *w*.
 Publications of the American Academy of Political and Social Science, *numbered series*.
 Publishers' Weekly, *w*.
 Puck, *w*.
 Punch, *w*.
 Quarterly Journal of Economics, *q*.
 Quarterly Publication of the American Statistical Association.
 Quarterly Review, *q*.
 Railway and Locomotive Engineering, *m*.
 Readers' Guide to Periodical Literature, *m*.
 Records of the American Catholic Historical Society, *q*.

Records of the Past, *m.*
Review of Reviews (English ed.), *m.*
Revue des Deux Mondes, *f.*
St. Nicholas, *m.*
Saturday Evening Post, *w.*
Saturday Review (N. Y. Times), *w.*
School Review, *m.*
Science, *w.*
Science Abstracts, *m.*
Scientific American, *w.*
Scientific American Supplement, *w.*
Scottish Geographical Magazine, *m.*
Scribner's Magazine, *m.*
*Search-Light, *m.*
*Signs of the Times, *w.*
*Single Tax Review, *q.*
Social Service, *m.*
Society for Psychical Research, Proceedings, *irregular.*
*Sound Currency, *m.*
*Southern Farm Gazette, *f.*
*Special Consular Reports, *numbered series.*
Spectator, *w.*
Strand, *m.*
Sunday School Times, *w.*
*Technology Review, *q.*

*Gift.

Temple Bar, *m.*
Theosophical Review, *m.*
Trained Nurse, *m.*
*Triumphs of Faith, *m.*
Truth, *w.*
Tygodnik Ilustrowanay, *w.*
*Typographical Journal, *m.*
Ueber Land und Meer, *w.*
United Service, *m.*
*U. S. Department of Agriculture, Climate and Crop Service, New York, *m.*
*U. S. Department of Agriculture, Climate and Crop Service, West Virginia, *m.*
*U. S. Labor Department, Bulletins, *bi-m.*
*U. S. Monthly Weather Review, *m.*
U. S. Naval Institute, Proceedings, *q.*
U. S. Postal Guide, *m.*
*U. S. Statistical Bureau, Monthly Summary, *m.*
Vom Fels zum Meer, *f.*
Westermann's Monatshefte, *m.*
Westminster Review, *m.*
World's Work, *m.*
Yale Review, *q.*
Youth's Companion, *w.*
*Zion's Watch Tower, *f.*

SUMMARY.

Monthly,	. . . . .	169
Weekly, .	. . . . .	62
Quarterly,	. . . . .	40
Fortnightly,	. . . . .	10
Bi-monthly,	. . . . .	9
Numbered,	4
Irregular,	6
Total,	<u>300</u>

APPENDIX G.

Periodicals in Newspaper Room.

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| Albany Journal, <i>d.</i> | Illinois Staats-Zeitung, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i> |
| Atlanta Constitution, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i> | Illustrated London News, <i>w.</i> |
| Baltimore American, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i> | Judge, <i>w.</i> |
| Boston Herald, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i> | Kansas City Star, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i> |
| Boston Transcript, <i>d.</i> | *Lancaster Enterprise, <i>w.</i> |
| Brooklyn Eagle, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i> | Life, <i>w.</i> |
| *Buffalo Arbeiter-Zeitung, <i>w.</i> | London Times, <i>w.</i> |
| Buffalo Commercial, <i>d.</i> | Louisville Courier-Journal, <i>d.</i> |
| Buffalo Courier, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i> | and <i>s.</i> |
| Buffalo Demokrat, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i> | *Lud, <i>w.</i> |
| Buffalo Enquirer, <i>d.</i> | Milwaukee Sentinel, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i> |
| Buffalo Express, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i> | Montreal Star, <i>d.</i> |
| Buffalo Freie Presse, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i> | New Orleans Picayune, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i> |
| Buffalo News, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i> | New York Evening Post, <i>d.</i> |
| *Buffalo Polak w Ameryce, <i>d.</i> | New York Herald, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i> |
| Buffalo Times, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i> | New York Staats-Zeitung, <i>d.</i> and |
| Buffalo Volksfreund, <i>d.</i> | <i>s.</i> |
| *Catholic Union and Times, <i>w.</i> | New York Sun, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i> |
| Chicago Record-Herald, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i> | New York Times, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i> |
| Chicago Tribune, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i> | New York Tribune, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i> |
| *Christian Intelligencer, <i>w.</i> | *New Yorker Volkszeitung, <i>d.</i> |
| *Christian Register, <i>w.</i> | Omaha Bee, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i> |
| Cincinnati Enquirer, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i> | Philadelphia North American, <i>d.</i> |
| Cleveland Plaindealer, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i> | and <i>s.</i> |
| Colorado Graphic, <i>w.</i> | Philadelphia Press, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i> |
| *Corriere Italiano, <i>w.</i> | Pittsburg Dispatch, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i> |
| Denver Rocky Mountain News, | *Progress, <i>w.</i> |
| <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i> | Puck, <i>w.</i> |
| Detroit Free Press, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i> | Rochester Democrat and Chron- |
| *Dziennik Polska, <i>d.</i> | icle, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i> |
| *Dzwon Niedzielny, <i>s.</i> | Rochester Post-Express, <i>d.</i> |
| *Erie County Independent, <i>w.</i> | Rural New Yorker, <i>w.</i> |
| Forest and Stream, <i>w.</i> | *St. Andrew's Cross, <i>w.</i> |
| *Gazeta Buffaloska, <i>w.</i> | St. Louis Globe-Democrat, <i>d.</i> |
| Harper's Weekly, <i>w.</i> | and <i>s.</i> |
| | St. Paul Pioneer Press, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i> |

* Gift.

San Francisco Chronicle, *d.* and *s.*

*School, *w.*

Scranton Republican, *d.*

Searchlight (Nevada), *w.*

*Socialistische Arbeiter-Zeitung,
w.

Springfield Republican, *d.* and *s.*

*Springfield Journal and Herald,
w.

Syracuse Post-Standard, *d.*

*Gift.

Toledo Blade, *d.*

Toronto Globe, *d.*

*Trades Union Herald (California), *w.*

Utica Press, *a.*

*Vorwärts, *w.*

Washington Post, *d.* and *s.*

*Weekly People, *w.*

*Westfield Republican, *w.*

*Worker, The, *w.*

APPENDIX K.

Delivery Stations.

B.—Keller & Deuchler's Drug Store, . . . 739 Seneca Street.
A. J. KELLER, *Keeper*.

C.—White's Bookstore, . . . 1423 Main Street.
E. R. WHITE, *Keeper*.

D.—Crandall's Pharmacy, . . . 72 Forest Avenue.
FRANK L. CRANDALL, *Keeper*.

E.—Franke's Drug Store, . . . 1872 Niagara Street.
JOHN A. FRANKE, *Keeper*.

F.—Hermann's News Store, . . . 2648 Main Street.
JOHN F. HERMANN, *Keeper*.

G.—Hodson's Drug Store, . . . Seneca and Elk Streets.
J. W. HODSON, *Keeper*.

H.—Krummell's News Store, . . . 2340 Seneca Street.
W. L. KRUMMELL, *Keeper*.

APPENDIX H.

STAFF.

GENERAL.

Henry L. Elmendorf,	<i>Librarian.</i>
Walter L. Brown,	<i>Assistant Librarian.</i>
Mrs. B. S. Fulton,	<i>Sup't Circulating Department.</i>
William P. Reed,	<i>Treasurer.</i>
Ella B. Gartland,	<i>Stenographer.</i>

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Ellen M. Chandler, <i>Head,</i>	Elizabeth R. Frost,
Mary J. Briggs,	Augusta E. Penfield,
Ella G. Christey,	Ethel F. Sayre.

ORDER AND ACCESSION DEPARTMENT.

Emily S. Coit,	Charlotte M. Parsons.
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BINDERY, RECORDS, AND FINISHING.

Harriet E. Provoost, <i>Head,</i>	Charlotte Hebel,er,
Pauline C. D. Dichel,	Belle Meyers.

REFERENCE DEPARTMENT.

Frederick J. Shepard, <i>Head,</i>	Lucia T. Henderson,
John Strubing, <i>Page.</i>	

CIRCULATING DEPARTMENT.

Harriet A. Beach, <i>Head,</i> Delivery Counter.	
Margaret Bruce McCabe, <i>Head,</i> Open-shelf Room.	
Lottie M. Brush,	Olive N. Lee,
Antoinette Baker Burt,	Mary Massey,
Etta M. Campbell,	M. Elizabeth Schanzlin,
Charlotte E. Coit,	Katharine T. Sprague,
Caroline Galligan,	Blanche M. Tate,
Edith M. Hamilton,	Marinda S. White,
Grace Huffner,	Nellie A. Whitman,
Marian Humble,	Alice G. Wightman.
Jessie H. Cole, Fines and Reserve Books.	

CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT.

May Masee, *Head*,
Alice M. Baritot,
Rosamond Joslyn,
Hannah M. Lawrence,
Clarence Dichel, *Page*.

DELIVERY STATIONS.

James P. Fowler, *Head*,
Mary Ellen Blossom.

SCHOOLS AND BRANCHES.

Grace Delphine Rose, *Head*,
Emma Meyer, in charge Joseph P. Dudley Branch,
Russell J. Forbes, Jr., in charge Lafayette Branch.
Mary E. Standbridge, in charge William Ives Branch,
Edward Fischer,
Edith M. Gillespie,
Mrs. Josepha Kudlicka,
Felix A. Oskowski,
Harry N. Parsons,
Mabel L. Rushworth,
Charles Shear,
Myron Short.

REGISTRY DEPARTMENT.

Helen Spencer,
Iva M. Alexander.

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Mrs. Stella B. Ransom, *Head*,
Rose E. Chamberlin.

NEWSPAPER DEPARTMENT.

Sara P. Sheldon, *Head*,
Frank L. Parks.

SHELF DEPARTMENT.

Robert Ramsey, *Head*,
Harry O'Connor,
Stanley Podlewski,
Frank Siebert,
Charles Thries,
John Wheelock,
John H. Zier.

ENGINEER AND JANITOR.

John Krieg.

Two Assistants,
Six Women.

CHECK ROOM.

Charles Fulton.

ELEVATOR.

John Hickey.

SPECIAL OFFICER

Madison E. Grantier.

LIBRARY DEPARTMENTS AND HOURS.

READING, REFERENCE, AND PERIODICAL ROOMS.

Week days, 9 A. M. to 9 P. M.
Sundays and holidays, 11 A. M. to 9 P. M.

CIRCULATING DEPARTMENT.

Every day, except Sundays and holidays, . . . 9 A. M. to 9 P. M.

NEWSPAPER ROOM.

Week days, 8.30 A. M. to 9 P. M.
Sundays and holidays, 8.30 A. M. to 7 P. M.

CHILDREN'S ROOM.

Monday to Friday, 2.30 to 6 P. M.
Saturdays, 9 A. M. to 6 P. M.
Sundays, 2 to 6 P. M.
Holidays, except Christmas and Fourth of July, 11 A. M. to 6 P. M.

WILLIAM IVES BRANCH, 746 Broadway.

Week days, 2 P. M. to 9 P. M.

JOSEPH P. DUDLEY BRANCH, 503 South Park Avenue.

Week days, 2 P. M. to 9 P. M.

LAFAYETTE BRANCH, Lafayette High School.

For pupils of the school, During school hours.
For general public, week days, 2 P. M. to 5 P. M.

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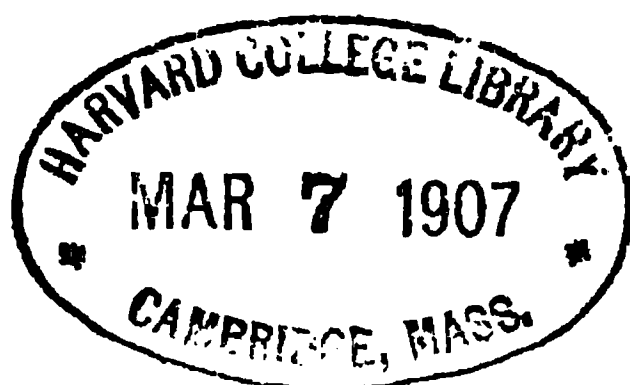
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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

1906

REPRESENTATIVES OF THE BUFFALO LIBRARY.

WALTER P. COOKE,	term expires 1907.
GEORGE L. WILLIAMS,	“ “ 1908.
THOMAS T. RAMSDELL,	“ “ 1909.
JOSEPH P. DUDLEY,	“ “ 1910.
HOWARD H. BAKER,	“ “ 1911.

REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CITY OF BUFFALO.

EX-OFFICIO :

<i>The Mayor,</i>	JAMES N. ADAM.
<i>The Corporation Counsel,</i>	LOUIS E. DESBECKER.
<i>The Superintendent of Education,</i>	HENRY P. EMERSON.

APPOINTED BY THE MAYOR :

FREDERICK C. HUMBURCH, term expires 1907.
NATHANIEL W. NORTON, term expires 1910.

OFFICERS.

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<i>Vice-President,</i>	THOMAS T. RAMSDELL.
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THOMAS T. RAMSDELL, *Ex-officio.*
WALTER P. COOKE,
NATHANIEL W. NORTON.

HENRY LIVINGSTON ELMENDORF

OCTOBER 10, 1852—JULY 8, 1906

At a Special Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Buffalo Public Library, held July 9, 1906, the following resolutions were adopted:

In the death of Mr. Henry L. Elmendorf, the Board of Directors of the Buffalo Public Library recognizes the great loss that the library has sustained, and the still greater loss to our fair city.

The members of the Board of Directors record their high appreciation of the efficient service of Mr. Elmendorf, to whose devoted and masterful work is due the uncommon success of the library, which he has left in the front rank of the great public libraries of the country.

The library has ever been his greatest and, in fact, his only interest during these years, and his fondest hope and ambition was to make the library a means of happiness and comfort, a source of the best knowledge, to all the people of the city.

We hereby faintly express our admiration for his ability and success in his profession, and his high integrity and faithfulness to his trust, which has commanded, at all times, our entire confidence.

This expression of our loss and appreciation should be spread upon the minutes, and a copy should be sent to Mrs. Elmendorf, with the expression of our deepest sympathy.

Mr. Elmendorf was appointed Superintendent of the Buffalo Public Library on June 5, 1897. This was shortly after the contract between the Buffalo Library, owning the building and the library, and the City of Buffalo had been made. The building was undergoing extensive changes necessary to accommodate the expected great increase of borrowers who were impatiently waiting for the doors to open. The library's policy and innumerable questions of detail awaited decision. It was vital to the work and the city that the right man should be found to fill the position of executive, and to the selection of Mr. Elmendorf is due in large measure the unusual freedom and the large usefulness of the Buffalo Public Library.

He possessed unusual powers, not only to plan great things, but to bring them to pass. While his alert mind and vivid imagination were constantly forming far-reaching plans for further work, his executive power and his forceful will compelled their realization in spite of all obstacles. It was his ideal and purpose to extend the service of the library to every man, woman and child in Buffalo, and the broad policies of the library constantly led toward that end.

The Buffalo Public Library was formally opened to the public on September 2, 1897, with all its departments well organized and ready to meet all demands. Its distinctive feature was the *Open Shelf Room*, an idea which embodied Mr. Elmendorf's belief in the power of a good book. This department, as an experiment, always commanded his interest and sympathy, and its success was gratifying and very dear to him. It was one of the strongest expressions of his stimulating optimism and idealism. The Open Shelf Library was to be a library for the general reader, carefully selected, tested by experience and constantly revised. While it would not strive to keep pace with the general novel reader, it would attempt to put most of the great old books, the authorities on special subjects, the pleasant lovable authors and the best new books, be they delightful, useful or instructive, before the readers. The steady growing use of these books has always been a constant source of encouragement and delight.

Each year found the work of the library extended and its use greatly increased, not only through the departments of the main building, but by the new agencies of distribution placed in different parts of the city. Following one after another were the delivery stations, the depositories at Westminster House and Welcome Hall, the William Ives Branch, the Joseph P. Dudley Branch, the Lafayette Branch, the traveling libraries, and the greatest power for good and the work of the greatest influence — the class-room libraries in the public schools.

The work of coöperation with the schools was taken up with enthusiasm as soon as the Public Library was opened, and a great amount of careful thought was given to it, resulting in a plan that has been most successful, not only in the Buffalo schools, but in many others where it has been introduced.

The desire to teach the love of good reading in the schools has met with many difficulties, and it was apparent to Mr. Elmendorf that a more far-reaching plan must be found than any yet in use. It was necessary to furnish attractive, wholesome books, not only to the few children who persist to the higher grades, but for all, even to the

youngest. Another most important fact was recognized in that if these books were supplied by the school, the supply was shut off when school days were over, while, if the book was placed in the hands of the pupil by a teacher who would tell him that it was a part of a great collection in the Public Library, which was for his use, he would find that his reading days need never be over. Thus would be brought about a new and most effective means of carrying out the function of the Public Library—the making of good citizens.

This plan has often been described, but to state it briefly, it is to place in each class-room of the grammar schools a small library suitable for the pupils of the class, a library not so large as to be confusing, yet large enough to give the pupil the greatly desired opportunity of individual choice. This work, in the experimental stage, was found to be most successful and the work extended as rapidly as the means at hand warranted. The library has now 722 class-room libraries in 39 of the Buffalo grammar schools.

To the selection and grading of these books for children's reading, Mr. Elmendorf devoted most of his leisure hours, and there was nothing in library work which appealed so strongly to his interest as the development of the child through the influence of the book. None gave better or more practical service in this most important field.

The growth of the Buffalo Public Library and of its use, shown by its statistics, is a record of Mr. Elmendorf's public service and testifies best to his professional skill, while the many influences for good which have gone out from the work are an enviable monument for any man to leave.

TEN YEARS' RECORD OF THE BUFFALO PUBLIC LIBRARY.

	No. of Books in Library.	Registration.	Circulation.	Fiction Per Cent.
1897, (4 months), . .	103,096	32,116	262,232	72.7
1898,	123,988	49,814	768,028	65.9
1899,	146,896	57,257	887,686	67.1
1900,	165,960	65,803	981,235	67.1
1901,	175,838	58,239	966,451	65.9
1902,	191,170	54,495	1,094,424	65.3
1903,	208,969	56,571	1,085,522	65.4
1904,	214,582	58,582	1,170,155	64.9
1905,	223,312	59,781	1,172,377	64.2
1906,	235,530	65,034	1,201,829	63.1

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1. The first step is to identify the problem or question that needs to be answered. This involves understanding the context and the specific requirements of the task.

2. The second step is to gather relevant information and data. This can be done through research, consultation with experts, or by analyzing existing data sets.

3. The third step is to develop a plan or strategy to address the problem. This involves breaking down the problem into smaller, manageable parts and determining the best approach to solve each part.

4. The fourth step is to implement the plan. This involves carrying out the tasks and activities that have been identified in the plan.

5. The fifth step is to evaluate the results. This involves comparing the actual outcomes with the expected outcomes and identifying any areas for improvement.

6. The sixth step is to communicate the findings. This involves sharing the results of the analysis with the relevant stakeholders and providing recommendations for action.

7. The seventh step is to monitor and review the process. This involves keeping track of the progress of the project and making adjustments as needed to ensure that the goals are being met.

8. The eighth step is to document the process. This involves creating a record of the steps taken and the results achieved, which can be used for future reference and learning.

9. The ninth step is to reflect on the experience. This involves thinking about what was learned from the project and how it can be applied to future projects.

10. The tenth step is to celebrate success. This involves recognizing the achievements of the team and celebrating the successful completion of the project.

With our nearly stationary appropriations, we have shown a steadily increasing circulation, until this year, as the report shows, it has reached 1,201,829 books, which have been taken into the homes of 100,000 citizens. These large figures show the satisfied demands of the library, yet there are many more. The limit of what may be properly granted, however, with our present resources, has been reached, if not passed. We are not justified in stretching it further, and, indeed, may find it necessary to withdraw some of our distributing agencies.

The constant increase in library business naturally calls for an increase of expense in all directions. It requires a larger staff of assistants; it requires many more books, thousands of which are worn out each year; it requires larger expenditures for furniture, for stack room and for supplies of all kinds, while the many needs of repair and the decoration of our buildings, so long delayed, are greater than when your attention was called to them last year.

We feel that the future of the extension of the library work rests with you, while at the same time, we believe that we can assure you, from the demands which must be apparent, that any liberality towards the libraries would be applauded.

In view of all the facts, the lack of increase for many years, and the resultant accumulation of extraordinary needs, we have joined with the Grosvenor Library in asking that this year you grant the maximum amount for library purposes, namely $\frac{5}{100}$ of one per centum of the total taxable assessed valuation of the property of the City of Buffalo.

JOSEPH P. DUDLEY,

President.

For the Board of Directors of the Buffalo Public Library,

January 18, 1907.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Statement of the Treasurer of the Buffalo Public Library from
January 1, 1906, to January 1, 1907.

RECEIPTS.

Balance, January 1, 1906,	\$ 308.57
City of Buffalo,	78,307.75
Interest from the Buffalo Library Permanent Fund, . .	3,321.34
Interest on Bank Account,	60.94
Fines, etc.,	3,997.36
State of New York,	300.00
School Fund,	2,674.98
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	\$ 88,970.94

EXPENDITURES.

Books,	\$ 17,765.84
Periodicals,	1,638.91
Binding,	5,877.07
Printing,	910.90
Library Supplies,	1,065.99
Fuel,	2,109.39
Light,	3,609.10
Insurance,	410.50
Building,	2,774.05
Miscellaneous,	3,160.79
Salaries: Library Employees,	40,377.94
Salaries: Building Employees,	6,192.05
Delivery Stations,	1,342.29
Branches,	1,523.97
Balance, January 1, 1907,	212.15
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	\$ 88,970.94

WILLIAM P. REED, *Treasurer.*

BUFFALO, January 17, 1907.

I have examined the books and vouchers of Mr. William P. Reed, Treasurer of the Buffalo Public Library, and find same correct. The examination covers the period from January 1, 1906, to January 1, 1907.

WILLIAM D. INGERSOLL,
Accountant and Auditor.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

To the Board of Directors of the Buffalo Public Library:

GENTLEMEN,—I have the honor to present the annual report of the Buffalo Public Library covering the year 1906. It is a report in large measure of the last year of the administration of Mr. Henry Livingston Elmendorf, to whom, in large part, is due the unusual success of the library. The record of his ten years' administration is one which shows, not only unusual executive power in the organization and extension of the library work, but that it was combined with the fullest realization of the meaning of the public library as a power for great uplift in the community. His was a service which we hope may some day be as fully realized and appreciated by the people of Buffalo as it is by your Board and those who were associated with him.

The arrangement of the report is the same as in former years, and is, as formerly, based upon reports made by heads of departments at the annual meeting of the staff, which was held on January 8th.

REGISTRATION.

The new registration of borrowers for 1906 numbered 15,541, being 5,076 more than the registration of 1905; 6,471 of these received children's cards; 6,120 borrowers renewed expired cards; 16,412 cards were cancelled by expiration and for other reasons, making the number of registered borrowers whose cards were in force January 1, 1907, 65,034.

In addition to the registered borrowers, 36,880 pupils of the grammar schools have the home use of the library books, and many hundreds, few of whom have regular library cards, are making use of the books sent out in traveling libraries. To say that one in every four of the residents of Buffalo is using the library is no exaggeration.

(See Appendix A.)

CONTENTS OF THE LIBRARY.

Total number of bound volumes in the permanent collection,

January 1, 1906, 220,627

Additions, 1906:

By purchase, 24,070

By gift, 808

By binding,	1,239
By exchange,	179
Recovered, formerly reported as lost,	31
Total additions,	26,327
Deductions during 1906:	
Charged, but not returned,	130
Lost and paid for,	194
Reported lost, not yet paid for,	33
Worn out, lost or withdrawn,	14,342
Total deductions,	14,699
Net additions, after all deductions,	11,628
Total bound volumes in permanent collection,	232,255
Duplicate collection, not catalogued, not in use,	3,275
Total bound volumes, January 1, 1907,	235,530
Maps and plans,	1,648
Coast survey charts,	627
Lake survey charts,	191
Folios of geologic atlas, U. S. geological survey,	138
Sheet music,	14,355
Pamphlets,	21,912

(See Appendix B.)

CIRCULATION.

Total circulation of books for home use,	1,201,829
Increase over previous year,	29,452
Number of days circulating departments open,	306
Daily average circulation,	3,927
Per cent. of fiction, including children's stories, and fiction in foreign languages, . . . . .	.631

(See Appendix C.)

DELIVERY ROOM—LOAN DESK.

Many library borrowers know only this room, as it contains the registration desk, catalogues, receiving desk and delivery counter. During rush hours, it is more than crowded by borrowers, most of whom are in a hurry, demanding from the assistants much skill, quickness and good temper. Delays at times cannot be avoided, as it has

been impossible to bring up the number of the staff to wholly meet the requirements of the busiest hours. We are constantly trying, however, to facilitate and quicken the service, which is, we believe, appreciated.

We have never required that the borrower should consult the catalogues for the shelf number of the book desired, the assistant doing all the work of finding the book. In fact, there are few rules for the public in connection with the library service. We desire to have each reader get what he requires as quickly as possible, devoting as much time to each as will give all necessary help.

In 1906, 257,518 books were passed to borrowers over the delivery desk.

There are more changes in the staff of the delivery room than in the other departments of the library, for the reason that the assistants who have had no experience are assigned here for the beginning of their library training, and as they become more proficient are transferred.

There is no better place for showing aptitude for library work, as it requires the best work of the most skilful.

(See Appendices B *and* C.)

OPEN SHELF DEPARTMENT.

There are now 22,778 books assigned to the open shelves, which had a circulation of 264,592 volumes in 1906, being a small increase over the figures for 1905. The circulation from these shelves is influenced much by the appearance of the books, and also by their location. It is always stimulated by the arrival of a lot of new books and the book which is attractive in its appearance receives much more attention than one lacking this quality.

The addition of about one hundred new titles to the selection of books on Science and Useful Arts has greatly increased the demand for such books in the Open Shelf Room. They are all in constant use. As examples of the use made of such books, we find that a copy of Grimshaw's "Shop kinks" shows twenty-five charges during the year, Sinclair's "Locomotive engine running," 21; Wilson's "Practical tool-maker," 16, and Mathot's "Gas engines," 19 in ten months; Ede's "Management of steel," 10 charges in seven months, and three renewals; Hodgson's "Hardwood finisher" and Compton's "First lessons in metal-working" each eleven times in ten months; Johnson's "Theory and practice of surveying," an advanced text-book, nine charges in five months. Scarcely a day passes that some busy-

looking workman does not come in to look up a formula, to copy a design or a few estimates, or to ascertain which volume helps him in his particular perplexity, and hurry off with it.

This department we hope to be able to enlarge during the coming year, making it more of a force in the city's growing activities, by offering every artisan, craftsman and manufacturer some helpful books along his individual line.

The Open Shelf collection is noticeably strong in the humanities—in the books that contribute to intellectual life and growth and to the development of culture. The steady use of these selected volumes makes us feel that it is a very real factor in the mental life of the community.

Our experience with books upon Fine Arts on open shelves is not altogether happy, because of the apparent increase of the mutilation of such books. It is almost impossible to save books on decoration, painting, sculpture, illustration, lives of the artists, and other books with plates, from the knife of the despoiler. This abominable work is done by perhaps not more than two or three people, but they are jeopardizing the privileges of all, and it is to the interest of all that it be stopped.

The bulletin work in this room and the Delivery Room has been kept up, with much good result. This is particularly noticeable in connection with the board containing clippings with appreciative notes of the new books.

The most telling feature of the work in this room during the year has been the small selection of non-fiction books, which is constantly changed and freshened. It is estimated that about thirty books a day have been drawn from these shelves.

We have much copy prepared for the printed catalogue of the Open Shelf collection which we are sure would help many borrowers, and be an effective tool to stimulate the reading of better books.

These rooms sadly need decorating and much new furniture.

(See Appendices B *and* C.)

CHILDREN'S ROOM.

The year just closed was the most successful that the Children's Room has experienced. The circulation, 102,293, of the 9,261 books on its shelves, was a gain of 23,902 over that of 1905. The average daily circulation was 334, with the fiction per cent. but 55. This gain was, in part, because of the required readings in the public schools,

but as it began some time before this call commenced, we can attribute much to the earnest effort to interest the children in books which hold their attention.

Of the many picture bulletins displayed during the year, perhaps the most telling was a fine picture in color of a knight in full armor, with the motto, "Live pure, speak true, right wrong, follow the King," in letters of gold on white. Tales of chivalry were at a premium while this bulletin was displayed and have been in demand ever since.

"The story hour"—on Saturday mornings—has continued with great success, and has gone beyond the Children's Room. One of the grammar schools asked that one of the stories be repeated to the pupils and its reception there has brought other requests.

The Children's Rooms are now open in the mornings for the benefit of grown people who wish to select children's books. It proves to be an accommodation to many.

The fresh decoration of these rooms has demonstrated the attractiveness of fresh, clean walls.

(See Appendices B and C.)

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT.

Although we have had several appeals from other grammar schools to give them the benefit of the class-room libraries, the number remains the same as last year, as we have felt that the proportion of the library money spent upon the school work was as great as we are justified in making it with our present income. We are anxious to extend the work, and will do so as soon as the appropriation for library purposes permits.

We continue to have many inquiries from other cities concerning this work, and it has attracted much attention from the visiting English school teachers now traveling in this country. The catalogue of the books in the class-room libraries is out of print, but as it is of much practical value to all our schools, we hope to publish a new edition of it this year. It has so large a sale outside of Buffalo that the amount received from its sale would pay for its printing.

We have now 722 grade libraries in thirty-nine grammar schools, in which there are 31,150 books, which had a circulation last year of 358,064 volumes.

The night schools have all been visited and 702 of their pupils were registered and given borrowers' cards, which are used in the different library agencies. We are making a special effort to introduce

the pupils in the highest grades to the public library before they leave the schools.

From the collection in the School Department, 18,506 pictures have been circulated, and have proved very useful to teachers and others who wish illustrations for their work.

There has been an unusual effort in the schools this year to interest the pupils in good reading. The State authorities have issued lists of books to read, and our own Department of Education has amplified these lists and required that every pupil should read a certain number of books upon the list suggested for his particular grade. The Library has coöperated with the School Department by supplying a large quantity of these books.

The usual Christmas exhibition of the most attractive books of the year, together with some of the old favorites, was made in the Teachers' Room, and it was a source of pleasure to many.

TRAVELING LIBRARIES.

We sent out from the main library during 1906, 144 traveling libraries, containing 4,495 books, the recorded circulation of which was 10,192. These libraries contained as few as six books and as many as 158 and were sent to schools, groups of students, workingmen's clubs, factories—wherever the help of the library was asked—and were cared for by some one person in each group who is held responsible for the records.

We have recently selected many duplicate books from the stacks which can be spared from the main library and are using them in this way, bringing into activity some books which would otherwise be idle.

We have had, in addition to these libraries, thirty-two, containing 768 volumes, in the fire houses. These are used by the firemen who are awaiting calls.

(See Appendix E.)

STATIONS.

Our seven Library Stations show a decided loss in circulation this year, having had a total of 35,471 as against 52,085 in 1905.

Perhaps this drop is not really as important as it may seem, owing to the fact that a special and persistent effort has been made to trace cards and lists in order to drop out such as were not being called for at the stations. Some 500 cards were weeded out in this way. One book a week, sent out on these cards, would have added 26,000 to statistics, but not to use.

It is possible that the location of at least one of the stations may be changed to advantage, and we may find means of calling the attention of more people to the use of these distributing agencies.

(*See Appendix H.*)

BRANCHES AND DEPOSITORIES.

WESTMINSTER HOUSE, NO. 421 MONROE STREET (DEPOSITORY).

This depository is open but one day a week. It circulated last year 6,554 books, which were, for the greater part, drawn by the children of the neighborhood. As each book is given to the borrower by the librarian in charge, there is an unusual opportunity for giving personal help by reason of personal acquaintance.

(*See Appendix B and Appendix C, Table 2.*)

WELCOME HALL, NO. 404 SENECA STREET (DEPOSITORY).

Although situated in a locality of shifting population, and having had a change of librarian in charge, which makes a great difference in intimate work of this kind, the circulation of books at Welcome Hall shows some growth this year. The rooms were open but one day a week, and 5,479 books were circulated.

The grown people are making greater use of the books, and, with the cordial support of the settlement workers, the library is growing in influence each year.

(*See Appendix B and Appendix C, Table 2.*)

WILLIAM IVES BRANCH, DOM POLSKI, NO. 1079 BROADWAY, CORNER OF PLAYTER STREET.

The moving of this branch on March 5, 1906, to much larger quarters in the new Dom Polski, which is in the center of the Polish population, has proved to be greatly to its advantage. It circulated in 1906, 62,801 books, which was 13,385 more than in 1905. Of this circulation, 46 per cent. was of books in the Polish language, an increase of 2 per cent. over last year. This increase, as well as the falling off of the circulation of books in German, was due to the change in the location of the branch.

The separate room for children has proved of great advantage, as it gives the grown people, 784 of whom registered last year, an opportunity to use the branch, which they did not enjoy before, the children usually having held possession of the one room.

Too high praise cannot be given the staff for the cordial relations which exist between the people of the neighborhood and the library. It has made the library a center of good influences which we hope to foster by keeping pace with the library needs of those using it. Our Polish library is one of the best in the country, and it is being constantly enlarged, for the demands upon it are great. The children are encouraged to use English books to help them master the language, for many grow up in this part of the city without being able to make themselves understood in English.

JOSEPH P. DUDLEY BRANCH, NO. 503 SOUTH PARK AVENUE.

This branch also shows an increase in circulation, for the figure for 1906, 24,478, is a gain of 2,671 over the circulation of 1905. It is situated in a part of the city which is growing rapidly because of the large industries just beyond the city line, and we may find that there is a more convenient center for the people of this section, but we believe that the time has not yet come for the change.

There are now 2,375 books on the shelves and many books are taken from the main library in response to requests, or to provide for some special need. The people in the neighborhood of a branch library have the resources of the main library at their command at all times.

(See Appendix B and Appendix C, Table 2.)

LAFAYETTE BRANCH, LAFAYETTE HIGH SCHOOL.

The circulation of this library, which occupies a room in the Lafayette High School, was 30,492 volumes. The library is closed during all school vacations. It is used, for the most part, by the pupils of the school, although it is having an increased patronage from the residents of the neighborhood, who may use it each afternoon.

There is but little opportunity for growth, as the shelf room must, necessarily, be limited. It would add much to its usefulness, however, if it could be placed in a room having an entrance of its own from the street, which would permit its being open during the vacations. The great value of this branch is, however, to the school, which is far from the main library building.

Our thanks are due to the principal and his associates for their interest in its welfare.

(See Appendix B and Appendix C, Table 2.)

REFERENCE DEPARTMENT.

The year's work in the new Reference Rooms has been very satisfactory. There is better air, better light, and they are free from the noise and distractions of the many visitors to the circulating departments, which were so disturbing in the old quarters.

The new arrangement of the reading desks has, doubtless, had a good effect. Of the 7,000 books upon these open shelves, but two are reported as missing at the close of the year. More or less mutilation of books, however, continues, in spite of our best efforts to detect these vandals.

We have not yet been able to realize our desire of placing all of the books reserved for library use in these rooms, because of the lack of shelf space. This, however, we hope to accomplish in the near future, as we are in great need of the space in the stacks now being used for these books. It would be a saving of much time to have them all in the Reference Rooms where they are used.

We are about to bring to the Reference Rooms the great store of newspaper clipping pamphlets — largely of local material — which has been gathered in the Newspaper Room during a number of years, thus making it accessible to many more readers.

PERIODICAL DEPARTMENT.

There are now on file 302 different periodicals, 67 of them being gifts. Of the whole number 206 are bound for preservation.

The average daily attendance in the Periodical Room is estimated at 250.

(See Appendix F.)

NEWSPAPER DEPARTMENT.

The Newspaper Room and the main halls of the building have been entirely redecorated this year, and are much more attractive in consequence.

There are 88 papers on file, 28 being gifts. The attendance averages 310 daily.

(See Appendix G.)

CATALOGUE DEPARTMENT.

In addition to the regular work of the Catalogue Department, much has been accomplished in the making of the dictionary catalogue, which is gradually nearing completion. This catalogue now contains about

322,900 cards, 57,600 of which were placed during the past year. In all the card catalogues, including the depository catalogue of the Library of Congress, it is estimated that in 1906 there were filed 120,000 cards. From the Library of Congress 12,350 printed cards were purchased, at an expense of \$108.05.

There have been received and filed in the depository catalogue of the Library of Congress 50,076 cards. This is quite an item in the year's work, but one which is more than balanced by the catalogue's constant and increasing usefulness.

The cataloguing of the English prose fiction is progressing in a satisfactory manner, subject, as it is, to many interruptions by the demands made upon the cataloguer in caring for the new and duplicate fiction being constantly added to the library.

The mass of detail work accomplished by the catalogue department is not appreciated by the borrower, but it increases to an unlimited degree the value of the library and adds greatly to the effectiveness of the service.

ORDER DEPARTMENT.

The work of the Order Department during 1906 included the preparing and caring for the orders for 24,070 volumes added by purchase; the accessioning of all these books, in addition to 2,226 others added to the library by gift, binding or exchange; the ordering of 1,218 volumes for the school reference libraries, which are not included in the library statistics, and the receipt and acknowledgment of gifts of 4,253 books, pamphlets and magazine numbers.

Several changes have been made in the simplifying of the records, which lessens the detail of the work.

BINDING DEPARTMENT.

The additional space given to the bindery has not resulted in as large an increase of work accomplished as we hoped for. There were but 826 more books bound than during 1905. We have far too many books out of commission awaiting binding, and some means must be found to effect a larger amount of work in this department.

The number of pieces handled last year was 20,347, at a total cost of \$5,877.07.

PUBLICATIONS.

Aside from the bulletins containing lists of additions, and a new edition of the Library Handbook, which has had a wider distribution than usual, the library has published nothing during the past year.

We have bought, however, and used to good advantage, a quantity of little book lists published by the Wisconsin Free Library Commission and of the list of "A thousand of the best novels" prepared by the Newark Public Library.

LIBRARY RECEIPTS.

Fines,	\$3,507.41
Catalogues sold,	37.59
Books lost and paid for,	103.07
Reserve postal cards,	234.54
Miscellaneous,	114.75
Total,	<u>\$3,997.36</u>

THE STAFF.

The illness and the loss of Mr. Elmendorf placed a heavy shadow upon the staff during the greater part of last year, and it is deserving of much credit that the keen feeling of personal loss of each member did not prevent a devotion to the interests of the library, as is shown by this record of the year's work.

Other changes in the personnel of the staff have been as many as usual. Miss Rose, of the School Department, was placed at the head of the Public Library of Davenport, Iowa, and Miss Henderson, of the Reference Department, is now in charge of the James Prendergast Free Library of Jamestown. Others are advancing their training in library schools, or have left library work, while some of the young men have gone into business houses.

We gave an examination on June 9th to a class of applicants for positions on the library staff, ten of whom passed. Seven of these took the required two weeks of actual work in the library, five of whom were given permanent positions.

We have done something this year toward a systematic training of a part of the staff. Frequent round tables are held by the heads of both the School Department and the Children's Room, which have given inspiration for better work and made the members of the staff better equipped for their duties.

In November we were able to institute a round table for desk assistants, which we hope to keep up and to develop into a training which will contribute to the intelligence of the service. This training

does not, nor can it, take the place of the thorough training given at the best library schools, which is essential to many positions in the library.

Our difficulty has been that we are not able to pay salaries adequate to retain some of our best people who are called away by the inducements offered by other cities. Library work calls for culture and training, and when we find assistants having these qualifications, their good work is apt to attract the attention of other libraries having greater inducements at their command.

The Mutual Aid Association continues to be a help to the staff, and has closed the year in excellent financial condition, but \$120.57 having been paid in sick benefits during the year.

GENERAL.

The closing of the first ten years of the activities of the Buffalo Public Library finds it with but slight increase in revenue, and with an unequaled history of extension and growth of circulation, which, of necessity, calls for greater expenditure. More people are needed to carry on the work, and many more books are required to care for its present demands.

We must recognize that our buildings and our stock are deteriorating. Many repairs are now absolutely necessary and many books need replacing, for many thousands are worn out by use each year.

All this in the face of still greater possibilities for the extension of the good work of the library. With the necessary means at our command, we could nearly double our school work, and there are yet many sections of the city asking for library privileges which we are unable to grant, while the possibilities of deepening and of bettering the whole work are great.

I have found the press of the city always ready to help the library by printing the news of its work, and we owe it much for this strong aid.

The Board is to be congratulated upon the result of its efforts to give the benefits of the library to so large a number of the citizens of Buffalo.

Respectfully submitted,

WALTER L. BROWN,
Librarian.

APPENDIX A.

Registration.

Number of cards in force January 1, 1906, 59,781

Registered during 1906 :

New Registration :

Over 14 years, 9,074

Under 14 years, 6,471

Total, 15,545

Renewals :

Over 14 years, 2,715

Under 14 years, 293

Total, 3,008

Renewals of cards previously
cancelled by expiration :

Over 14 years, 2,807

Under 14 years, 305

Total, 3,112

Total number of cards issued, 21,665

81,446

Cancelled cards :

Cancelled by renewal :

Over 14 years, 2,715

Under 14 years, 293

Total, 3,008

Cancelled by expiration :

Over 14 years, 8,924

Under 14 years, 2,809

Total, 11,733

Cancelled for other reasons :

Over 14 years, 471

Under 14 years, 1,200

Total, 1,671

Total cancellations, 16,412

Total number of cards in force January 1, 1907, 65,034

APPENDIX B.

Classified Contents of Library.

	Books. Totals, Jan. 1, 1906.	Per Cent.	Gross Additions, 1906.	Per Cent.	Net Additions, 1906.	Per Cent.	Books. Totals, Jan. 1, 1907.
General works,	11,165	.052	269	.011	256	.022	11,421
Philosophy,	3,112	.015	86	.004	*-87	-.007	3,025
Religion, mythology, fairy tales,	11,301	.053	1,116	.048	328	.028	11,629
Sociology,	21,663	.101	2,744	.118	1,864	.161	23,527
Philology,	1,061	.005	50	.002	46	.004	1,107
Natural science,	13,004	.061	824	.035	192	.016	13,196
Useful arts,	9,087	.042	509	.022	354	.030	9,441
Fine arts,	7,112	.033	360	.015	252	.022	7,364
Literature,	24,650	.115	3,275	.140	1,416	.122	26,066
Prose fiction,	66,273	.310	10,854	.465	4,795	.414	71,068
History,	19,697	.092	1,391	.060	940	.081	20,637
Travel,	12,132	.057	1,038	.044	646	.056	12,778
Biography,	12,090	.056	801	.034	590	.051	12,680
Local history and literature, . .	1,691	.008	60	.002	†4		1,695
Totals,	214,038		23,377		11,596		225,634
Recovered, formerly reported as lost,			31				
Children's picture books, . . .	6,589		2,919		32		6,621
Totals,	220,627		26,327				
Total permanent collection :							232,255
Net additions, Jan. 1, 1906, to Jan. 1, 1907,					11,628		
Duplicate volumes not catalogued and not in use,							3,275
Grand total books, January 1, 1907,							235,530

* By transfer. † Part transferred.

Per Cent.	Stack.	Refer- ence Room.	Open Shelf Room.	Chil- dren's Room.	School Dept.	Wm. Ives Branch	Lafay- ette Branch	J. P. Dudley Branch	West- minster House.	Wel- come Hall.	Pam- phlets.
.051	7,449	2,416	1,469	10	13	41	1	22			3,577
.013	2,611	6	255	21	3	78	30	21			410
.052	8,294	239	344	448	1,876	177	73	70	55	53	829
.104	18,349	469	738	383	3,076	225	73	110	42	62	6,449
.005	838	193	31	2	6	26	6	5			75
.058	8,071	208	879	756	2,843	158	123	109	23	26	972
.042	7,035	669	596	226	699	89	40	71	7	9	2,588
.033	5,775	322	570	250	239	61	75	66	3	3	907
.115	14,396	2,443	1,381	1,094	5,232	723	357	290	68	82	275
.315	35,323		12,925	3,689	12,690	3,262	1,472	1,148	264	295	
.091	14,925	221	1,229	789	2,585	362	256	209	24	37	1,039
.057	7,606	157	1,134	735	2,457	301	187	148	27	26	458
.056	8,748	492	1,227	449	1,231	209	190	106	10	18	783
.008	227	1,468									3,550
	139,647	9,303	22,778	8,852	32,950	5,712	2,883	2,375	523	611	21,912
				409	6,037	89	2	30	25	29	
				9,261	38,987	5,801	2,885	2,405	548	640	21,912

APPENDIX C: 1.
Circulation by Classes.

1906	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Totals	Per Cent.
Magazines, . .	2,014	2,265	2,875	2,333	2,274	2,093	1,820	1,948	2,045	2,196	2,110	2,055	26,028	.022
Philosophy, . .	712	664	743	522	508	454	459	453	465	587	560	549	6,676	.006
Religion, . . .	782	861	1,074	971	871	740	569	600	753	1,025	1,097	810	10,153	.009
Sociology, . . .	1,302	1,188	1,713	1,243	1,246	842	584	609	1,099	1,399	1,237	1,045	13,507	.012
Philology, . . .	194	167	227	174	177	147	125	137	137	154	161	160	1,980	.002
Natural Science,	4,422	3,007	7,354	4,298	4,503	1,566	1,104	1,067	5,660	6,030	5,179	3,569	47,759	.040
Useful Arts, . .	2,348	2,122	3,311	2,239	2,063	1,148	1,088	1,133	2,333	2,553	2,314	1,962	24,614	.021
Fine Arts, . . .	1,853	1,697	2,389	1,731	1,581	1,058	949	1,249	1,519	1,817	1,878	1,667	19,388	.012
Literature, . . .	13,093	8,862	20,044	12,703	13,087	5,218	3,783	3,416	16,813	20,820	18,697	13,029	149,565	.125
History,	5,786	4,904	8,667	5,215	4,499	2,581	1,729	1,727	6,942	7,509	6,623	5,359	61,541	.051
Travel,	4,787	3,772	7,106	4,451	4,102	1,909	1,537	1,488	5,187	5,933	5,714	4,414	50,400	.042
Biography, . . .	2,916	2,742	4,182	2,525	2,321	1,168	958	1,016	3,045	3,653	3,530	2,731	30,787	.026
Prose Fiction, .	67,480	58,105	96,601	66,931	64,843	39,689	36,984	37,697	70,214	81,757	76,136	63,014	759,451	.632
Total,	107,689	90,356	156,286	105,336	102,075	58,613	51,689	52,540	116,212	135,433	125,236	100,364	1,201,829	1.000

Number of days open, 306.
Daily average, all departments, 8,927

Largest day, main library, 5,163.
Smallest day, main library, 1,479.

APPENDIX C: 2.

Circulation by Departments.

1906	Desk.	Open Shelves.	Children's Room.	Class-Room Libraries.	Books Issued to Class-Room Libraries.	Stadiums.	High Schools.	Westminster House.	Welcome Hall.	Wm. Ives Branch.	Jos. P. Dudley Branch.	Lafayette High School Branch.	Total Branches.	Travelling Libraries.	Totals.
January .	24,943	25,262	7,926	31,911	.....	2,813	740	574	463	5,524	2,156	3,522	12,239	1,855	107,689
February .	24,076	24,321	8,439	16,211	.....	2,790	951	560	629	4,976	2,346	3,465	11,976	1,592	90,356
March . .	28,316	28,268	11,566	64,785	.....	3,736	1,515	686	783	6,748	2,877	4,564	15,658	2,442	156,286
April . .	21,889	22,430	8,410	33,175	.....	3,527	878	802	511	6,932	2,244	3,416	13,905	1,122	105,336
May . . .	20,109	20,877	6,960	36,956	.....	3,286	928	553	453	6,030	1,975	3,279	12,290	669	102,075
June . .	17,636	19,354	6,144	2,818	.....	3,096	133	478	489	4,698	1,721	1,104	8,490	942	58,613
July . . .	17,492	18,484	5,869	.....	.....	2,314	.....	503	277	4,003	1,633	.....	6,416	1,114	51,689
August .	18,580	19,067	5,541	.....	.....	2,561	.....	368	277	4,068	1,621	.....	6,334	457	52,540
September	18,387	18,956	6,259	31,602	30,900	2,178	405	353	211	3,341	1,591	1,440	6,936	589	116,212
October .	23,013	21,982	11,054	62,871	40	2,690	928	549	324	4,175	2,033	3,329	10,410	2,445	135,433
November	22,877	23,553	13,144	47,695	25	3,046	1,073	574	556	5,841	2,270	3,877	13,118	705	125,236
December	20,200	22,038	10,981	30,040	.....	3,434	699	554	506	6,465	2,011	2,496	12,032	755	100,364
Totals, . .	257,518	264,592	102,298	358,064	31,150	35,471	8,250	6,554	5,479	62,801	24,478	30,492	129,804	14,687	1,201,829

APPENDIX C: 3.

Circulation — Comparative Statement.

	1902	1903	1904	1905	1906
January,	94,443	98,244	96,014	101,425	107,689
February,	89,932	90,788	98,241	97,398	90,356
March,	114,690	118,257	142,188	147,243	156,286
April,	104,035	95,652	111,109	102,314	106,336
May,	94,749	80,359	90,876	99,182	102,075
June,	65,486	52,653	55,432	57,990	58,613
July,	59,737	51,663	55,128	52,519	51,689
August,	57,669	51,667	57,916	55,419	52,540
September,	111,489	109,540	112,425	119,971	116,212
October,	115,871	121,230	130,107	127,308	135,433
November,	98,764	114,381	119,721	118,993	125,236
December,	87,559	101,088	100,998	92,615	100,364
Totals,	1,094,424	1,085,522	1,170,155	1,172,377	1,201,829

Gain, 1st quarter, 8,265

Gain, 2d quarter, 6,538

Loss, 3d quarter, 7,468

Gain, 4th quarter, 22,117

Net gain, 29,452

APPENDIX D.

Grammar School Libraries.

School.	Street.	Libraries.	Books.	Circulation.
3	Perry,	11	430	3,709
5	Seneca,	12	485	4,334
6	South Division,	18	765	8,017
7	South Bailey,	19	815	9,980
9	Bailey,	33	1,425	17,049
10	Delaware,	9	400	4,228
13	Oak,	11	480	3,962
14	Franklin,	9	400	3,416
15	Oak and Burton,	17	735	9,874
17	Main,	24	1,055	12,081
18	School,	24	1,055	17,017
19	West,	24	1,050	9,982
20	Amherst,	12	540	5,011
21	Hertel,	8	375	2,609
22	North Main,	7	360	3,920
23	East Delavan,	9	425	5,124
24	Fillmore,	34	1,470	20,224
25	Lewis,	13	555	6,393
26	Milton,	22	965	7,138
27	Mineral Springs,	21	930	9,787
28	Abbott Road,	20	865	8,917
33	Elk,	16	695	5,809
36	Day's Park,	12	505	4,167
37	Carlton,	26	1,100	10,389
39	High,	29	1,270	13,684
43	Lovejoy,	28	1,170	22,424
44	Broadway,	31	1,295	16,464
47	Hickory,	16	675	8,007
49	Vermont,	12	530	5,637
50	Eagle,	12	510	10,593
51	Hertel,	17	720	7,622
52	Bird,	26	1,110	12,752
53	Winslow,	25	1,065	15,678
55	Guilford,	24	1,010	10,205
56	Elmwood,	17	780	7,428
58	Rother,	29	1,200	16,446
59	Glenwood,	19	810	6,856
60	Ontario,	17	725	7,772
Practice,	Normal,	9	400	3,359
Totals,		722	31,150	358,064

School library year, nine months.

APPENDIX E.

Traveling Libraries.

Jan.	2.	Miss Kennedy, 564 Franklin Street, Literature, . . .	17
"	2.	Highland Park L. C., French History, .	14
"	4.	Children's Hospital, General,	24
"	4.	Church Home, General,	55
"	5.	Night School No. 39, General,	30
"	6.	St. Margaret's School, Miss Can- field, Art,	7
"	9.	Zion House, General,	100
"	9.	Dr. Gleason's, 307 Mortimer Street, General,	75
"	10.	St. Margaret's School, Miss Taylor, Literature, . . .	21
"	13.	Homœopathic Hospital, General,	12
"	15.	St. Margaret's School, Miss Fiske, . History,	6
"	15.	St. Margaret's School, Miss Raiguel, Science,	9
"	17.	St. Paul's Parish House, Men's Club, General,	40
"	17.	School No. 31, Teachers' Class, . . History,	16
"	17.	St. Margaret's School, Miss Fiske, . Slavery,	10
"	20.	St. Margaret's School, Miss Can- field, Art,	12
"	23.	Truant School, General,	42
"	24.	Canisius College, Mr. Bapst, . . . Literature, . . .	3
"	27.	Masten Park High School, Mr. Stagg, American History, .	6
"	29.	School No. 10, Miss Palmer, . . . Animal Stories, .	6
"	29.	St. Margaret's School, Miss Can- field, Art,	20
"	29.	Truck No. 4, Special Library, . . General,	28
"	29.	Truck No. 9, Special Library, . . General,	27
Feb.	1.	School No. 31, Miss Cotter, . . . Chivalry,	17
"	3.	St. Margaret's School, Miss Fiske, . History,	8
"	5.	Masten Park High School, Mr. Stagg, American History, .	29
"	6.	St. Margaret's School, Miss Can- field, English History, .	23
"	6.	St. Margaret's School, Miss Raiguel, Science,	11
"	6.	Buffalo Seminary, Miss Caryl, . . English History, .	3
"	7.	Normal School, Miss Dunston, . . History,	34
"	10.	St. Margaret's School, Miss Fiske, . English History, .	8

Feb. 13.	St. Margaret's School, Miss Can-		
	field,	Cathedrals, . . .	8
" 13.	Normal School, Miss Mott, . . .	Mathematics, . .	8
" 13.	Buffalo Academy of the Sacred		
	Heart,	Literature, . . .	24
" 13.	Masten Park High School, Miss		
	Burt,	English History,	28
" 13.	School No. 10, Mr. Alvord, . . .	Education, . . .	15
" 13.	Sons and Daughters of Zion, 323		
	Hickory Street,	Jewish Literature,	58
" 19.	Women's Union, Mothers' Club, .	General,	20
" 23.	Homœopathic Hospital, Miss Black,	Child Study, . .	16
" 26.	Francis Xavier School,	Literature, . . .	12
" 27.	School No. 7, Mr. Houghton, . .	Gardening, . . .	7
Mar. 1.	Nichols School,	Roman History, .	14
" 1.	St. Margaret's School, Miss Can-		
	field,	French History, .	14
" 2.	East Presbyterian Sunday School, .	General,	78
" 2.	St. Agnes School,	General,	47
" 3.	St. Margaret's School, Miss Fiske, .	French History,	15
" 7.	School No. 9, Teachers' Library, .	French History,	12
" 7.	School No. 59, Miss Bredel, . . .	German,	21
" 8.	St. Margaret's School, Miss Liver-		
	more,	American History,	10
" 10.	First Italian Baptist Church, . . .	Italian Literature,	10
" 12.	Buffalo Seminary, Miss Mettey, . .	French Literature,	3
" 13.	St. Margaret's School, Miss Can-		
	field,	Art,	22
" 15.	Truant School,	General,	41
" 15.	St. Agnes School,	General,	54
" 16.	Police Station No. 11,	General,	24
" 19.	General Hospital,	General,	70
" 23.	St. Paul's Parish House, Women's		
	Club,	General,	50
" 23.	Lebanon Y. P. S. C. E.	General,	75
Apr. 2.	Masten Park High School, Mr.		
	Stagg,	Sociology, . . .	5
" 3.	Maple Street Church,	General,	50
" 16.	Catholic Workingmen's Association,	General,	72
" 18.	Central High School, Miss Kenner,	English History,	5
" 18.	Cedar Street Baptist S. S.,	General,	100

Apr. 18.	Police Station No. 9,	General,	25
" 19.	Canisius College, Father Senn, . .	Sociology,	10
" 26.	St. Margaret's School, Miss Can- field,	Art,	25
" 30.	First United Presbyterian S. S., . .	General,	63
May 1.	St. Margaret's School, Miss Can- field,	Art,	12
" 1.	St. Margaret's School, Miss Taylor,	Literature,	2
" 1.	St. Margaret's School, Miss Ken- nedy,	Literature,	4
" 11.	Masten Park High School, Dr. Trant,	Sociology,	15
" 12.	St. Margaret's School, Miss Can- field,	Travel,	12
" 14.	Erie County Hospital,	General,	50
" 14.	Woman's Hospital,	General,	25
" 18.	Carpenters' Union, No. 374, . . .	General,	40
June 4.	St. Joseph's Society,	General,	55
" 23.	Summer Camp, Mr. Upton, . . .	General,	60
" 25.	Miss Palmer, 76 Johnson's Park, .	Literature,	6
" 26.	Mothers' Club, 1188 Lovejoy Street,	General,	44
July 6.	Zion House,	General,	100
" 9.	Vacation School No. 35,	General,	26
" 9.	Vacation School No. 42,	General,	54
" 9.	Vacation School No. 44,	General,	26
" 9.	Vacation School No. 57,	General,	24
" 9.	Vacation School No. 12,	General,	37
" 9.	Vacation School No. 33,	General,	28
" 23.	Police Station No. 9,	General,	50
Aug. 14.	Police Station No. 11,	General,	25
" 14.	Mrs. F. R. L. Smith, 319 Fargo Ave.,	Travel,	4
" 30.	South Presbyterian Church, . . .	Music,	158
" 31.	Canisius College,	Mathematics,	6
Sept. 12.	Masten Park High School, Mrs. Stickney,	History,	30
" 13.	School No. 10, Miss Kempke, . .	Mythology,	14
" 13.	Masten Park High School, Mrs. Ryerson,	French History, . . .	20
" 13.	School No. 36, Teachers' Library,	History,	21
" 14.	School No. 31, Miss Chambers, . .	American History, . .	18
" 14.	School No. 31, Miss Chandler, . .	General,	30

Sept. 17.	Normal School, Miss Dunston, . . .	American History,	30
" 19.	School No. 31, Miss Cotter, . . .	American History,	21
" 19.	School No. 10, Mr. Alvord, . . .	General,	42
" 19.	School No. 42, Miss Ellis,	General,	25
" 20.	School No. 10, Miss Kempke . . .	Anthropology, .	30
" 20.	Central High School, Miss Kenner,	General,	39
" 20.	School No. 16, Miss Kavanagh, . .	American History,	15
" 21.	Parkside Unitarian S. S.,	General,	50
" 26.	School No. 10, Mr. Alvord, . . .	English Literature,	28
" 27.	Women's Union, Mothers' Club, .	General,	25
Oct. 2.	Lebanon Y. P. S. C. E.,	General,	75
" 4.	Catholic Workingmen's Association,	General,	16
" 6.	School No. 16, Miss Leahy, . . .	General,	20
" 8.	School No. 44, Night School, . . .	General,	110
" 9.	Normal School, Miss Dunston, . .	General,	10
" 9.	School No. 59, Miss Bredel, . . .	German,	43
" 10.	Miss Somerville,	History,	3
" 10.	Masten Park High School, Mrs. Stickney,	History,	21
" 10.	Truant School,	General,	40
" 11.	St. Vincent's School,	Pedagogy,	9
" 12.	School No. 50, Teachers' Class, .	Pedagogy,	10
" 13.	Holy Angels' Academy,	History,	19
" 16.	Lafayette High School, Miss Burt,	History,	16
" 16.	Catholic Workingmen's Association,	Trades,	39
" 18.	St. Agnes School,	General,	25
" 18.	St. Vincent's School,	General,	102
" 19.	Children's Hospital,	General,	24
" 19.	First United Presbyterian S. S., .	General,	75
" 19.	Ingleside Home,	General,	24
" 24.	Holy Angels' College,	General,	40
" 26.	Young Women's Christian Associa- tion,	General,	100
" 26.	Hard Manufacturing Co.,	General,	73
" 26.	Delaware Avenue Baptist S. S., .	General,	36
Nov. 1.	St. Margaret's School, Miss Clark,	General,	38
" 8.	Buffalo Seminary,	History,	36
" 10.	Young Men's Sodality,	General,	40
" 15.	School No. 10, Miss Ney,	Mythology, . . .	14
" 16.	Holy Angels' College,	General,	22
" 22.	School No. 52, Miss Koletshke, . .	Art,	12

Nov. 22.	Miss Clark, 564 Franklin Street, . .	Travel,	12
" 22.	Lafayette High School, Miss Davis, History,		12
" 27.	St. Vincent's School,	General,	77
" 30.	Mr. H. A. Allen, 11 Carmine Street, Useful Arts, . .		4
" 30.	Police Station No. 11,	General,	24
" 30.	Remington Mission,	General,	7
Dec. 10.	Buffalo Seminary,	Literature,	42
" 13.	Zion House,	General,	100
Total—Books sent out,			4,495
Libraries,			144
Circulation,			10,192

Firemen's Libraries.

Engine No.	2,	24
" "	3 and Truck No. 3,	24
" "	4,	24
" "	5,	24
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" "	12,	24
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" "	20,	24
" "	21 and Truck No. 6,	24
" "	22,	24
" "	23,	24
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APPENDIX F.

Periodicals

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| <p>*Academe, <i>f</i>.
 Academy, <i>w</i>.
 American Antiquarian, <i>bi-m</i>.
 American Architect, International ed., <i>w</i>.
 American Catholic Review, <i>q</i>.
 American Chemical Journal, <i>m</i>.
 American Economic Association, Papers, <i>irregular</i>.
 American Educational Review, <i>m</i>.
 American Historical Review, <i>q</i>.
 American Homes and Gardens, <i>m</i>.
 American Institute of Electrical Engineers, Proceedings, <i>m</i>.
 American Journal of Archæology, <i>q</i>.
 American Journal of Mathematics, <i>q</i>.
 American Journal of Nursing, <i>m</i>.
 American Journal of Philology, <i>irregular</i>.
 American Journal of Psychology, <i>q</i>.
 American Journal of Science, <i>m</i>.
 American Journal of Sociology, <i>bi-m</i>.
 American Machinist, <i>w</i>.
 American Monthly Magazine, <i>m</i>.
 American Monthly Review of Reviews, <i>m</i>.
 American Naturalist, <i>m</i>.
 American Statistical Association, Quarterly Publications, <i>q</i>.
 Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science, <i>bi-m</i>.</p> | <p>*Annals of the Propagation of the Faith, <i>bi-m</i>.
 Antiquary, <i>m</i>.
 Architects' and Builders' Magazine, <i>m</i>.
 Architectural Record, <i>m</i>.
 Architectural Review, <i>m</i>.
 Arena, <i>m</i>.
 Army and Navy Journal, <i>w</i>.
 Army and Navy Life, <i>m</i>.
 Art Journal, <i>m</i>.
 *Association Men, <i>m</i>.
 *Association Review, <i>m</i>.
 Athenæum, <i>w</i>.
 Atlantic Monthly, <i>m</i>.
 Auk, <i>q</i>.
 *Automobile Topics, <i>w</i>.
 Babyhood, <i>m</i>.
 Bankers' Magazine, <i>m</i>.
 *Berkshire Industrial Farm Record, <i>m</i>.
 Biblical World, <i>m</i>.
 Biblioteka Warszawska, <i>m</i>.
 Biesiada Literacka, <i>w</i>.
 Bird-Lore, <i>bi-m</i>.
 Birds and Nature, <i>m</i>.
 Black and White, <i>w</i>.
 Blackwood's Magazine, <i>m</i>.
 Bluszcz, <i>w</i>.
 Bookman, <i>m</i>.
 Book News, <i>m</i>.
 Book Review Digest, <i>m</i>.
 Brick Builder, <i>m</i>.
 Buffalo Herald, <i>w</i>.
 *Buffalo Manufacturer, <i>m</i>.
 *Buffalo Medical Journal, <i>m</i>.</p> |
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*Gift.

- Bulletin of the American Geographical Society, *irregular*.
 *Calendar, *m*.
 Canadian Magazine, *m*.
 Cassier's Magazine, *m*.
 *Cat Journal, *m*.
 *Cat Review, *m*.
 Catholic University Bulletin, *q*.
 Catholic World, *m*.
 Century, *m*.
 Chambers's Journal, *m*.
 Charities, *w*.
 Chautauquan, *m*.
 *Christian Science Journal, *m*.
 Christian Work and Evangelist, *w*.
 Churchman, *w*.
 Citizen, *m*.
 *College Folio, *m*.
 Collier's Weekly, *w*.
 Comercio, El, *m*.
 Concrete, *m*.
 Consular Reports, *m*.
 Contemporary Review, *m*.
 *Cook's American Traveller's Gazette, *m*.
 Cornhill Magazine, *m*.
 Cosmopolitan, *m*.
 Country Life in America, *m*.
 Craftsman, *m*.
 *Crop Reporter, *m*.
 Current Literature, *m*.
 Deutsche Literaturzeitung, *w*.
 Deutsche Rundschau, *m*.
 Dial, *f*.
 *Dietetic and Hygienic Gazette, *m*.
 *Dog Fancier, *m*.
 Dublin Review, *q*.
 Eclectic Magazine, *m*.
 Economic Journal, *q*.
 Economist, *w*.
 Edinburgh Review, *q*.
 Education, *m*.
 Educational Review, *m*.
 *Educator, *m*.
 Electrical Review, *w*.
 Electrical World, *w*.
 Engineering, *w*.
 Engineering and Mining Journal, *w*.
 Engineering Magazine, *m*.
 Engineering News, *w*.
 Engineering Record, *w*.
 English Historical Review, *q*.
 English Illustrated Magazine, *m*.
 Essex Antiquarian, *q*.
 Etude, *m*.
 Everybody's Magazine, *m*.
 *Exponent, *m*.
 *Flaming Sword, *w*.
 Forestry and Irrigation, *m*.
 Fortnightly Review, *m*.
 Forum, *q*.
 *Fraternal Monitor, *m*.
 *Free Russia, *m*.
 Garden Magazine, *m*.
 Gartenlaube, *f*.
 Gentleman's Magazine, *m*.
 Geographical Journal, *m*.
 Geological Magazine, *m*.
 Good Government, *m*.
 *Gospel Trumpet, *w*.
 Graphic, *w*.
 Harper's Bazar, *m*.
 Harper's Monthly, *m*.
 Harper's Weekly, *w*.
 *Hartford Seminary Record, *q*.
 *Health Department Monthly Report, *m*.
 *Herald of the Cross, *m*.
 *Herald of the Golden Age, *m*.

- *Holy Cross Magazine, *m.*
 *Housekeeper, *m.*
 Illustrated London News, *w.*
 Illustration, L', *w.*
 Illustrierte Zeitung, *w.*
 Independent, *w.*
 *Indian's Friend, *m.*
 Inland Architect, *m.*
 International Journal of Ethics, *q.*
 International Quarterly, *q.*
 International Studio, *m.*
 *Iron Age, *w.*
 *Iron Trade Review, *w.*
 *Johns Hopkins University Circulars, *irregular.*
 Johns Hopkins University Studies in Historical and Political Science, *numbered series.*
 Journal of American Folk Lore, *q.*
 Journal of Biblical Literature, *irregular.*
 Journal of Education, *w.*
 Journal of Geology, *m.*
 Journal of Political Economy, *m.*
 Journal of the American Chemical Society, *m.*
 *Journal of the Association of Engineering Societies, *m.*
 *Journal of the Association of Military Surgeons, *m.*
 Journal of the Franklin Institute, *m.*
 Journal of the Institution of Electrical Engineers, *irregular.*
 Journal of the Royal Statistical Society, *q.*
 Journal of the Society of Chemical Industry, *f.*
 Journal of the Western Society of Engineers, *bi-m.*
 *Journal of Zoophily, *m.*
 Judge, *w.*
 Juvenile Court Record, *m.*
 Keramic Studio, *m.*
 Kindergarten Magazine, *m.*
 Knowledge, *m.*
 Ksiakzka, *m.*
 Ladies' Home Journal, *m.*
 Ladies' Review, *m.*
 *Lafayette Oracle, *q.*
 *Le Couteulx Leader, *w.*
 Library Index, *m.*
 Library Journal, *m.*
 Library World, *m.*
 Life, *w.*
 Lippincott's Magazine, *m.*
 Literarische Echo, Das, *f.*
 Literarischer Handweiser, *f.*
 Literary Digest, *w.*
 Littell's Living Age, *w.*
 Little Folks, *m.*
 *Louisiana Planter, *w.*
 *Lyceumite, *m.*
 McClure's Magazine, *m.*
 Macmillan's Magazine, *m.*
 Magazine of History, *m.*
 Manual Training Magazine, *q.*
 Marine Review, *w.*
 *Masten Park Chronicle, *q.*
 Mémorial de la Librairie Française, *w.*
 *Merchants' Association Review, *m.*
 Mind, *q.*
 *Mines and Minerals, *m.*
 Missionary Review, *m.*
 Modern Language Association of America, Publications, *q.*
 Monist, *q.*
 *Monthly Bulletin of the Bureau of American Republics, *m.*

Monthly Cumulative Book Index,
m.

*Monthly Gazette of English Lit-
erature, *m.*

Monthly Review, *m.*

*Moody's Magazine, *m.*

Municipal Engineering, *m.*

Munsey's Magazine, *m.*

*Mutual Underwriter, *m.*

Nation, *w.*

*National Bulletin of Charities
and Correction, *irregular.*

*National Geographic Magazine,
m.

National Review, *m.*

Nature, *w.*

*New Century Path, *w.*

New England Historical and
Genealogical Register, *q.*

New England Magazine, *m.*

New York Genealogical and Bio-
graphical Record, *q.*

Nineteenth Century, *m.*

North American Review, *f.*

Notes and Queries, *w.*

*Official Gazette of the U. S.
Patent Office, *w.*

Official Railway Guide, *m.*

Open Court, *m.*

*Our Record, *m.*

Outing, *m.*

Outlook, *w.*

Overland Monthly, *m.*

Pall Mall Magazine, *m.*

Pedagogical Seminary, *q.*

Pennsylvania Magazine of History
and Biography, *q.*

Petermanns Mitteilungen, *m.*

Petermanns Mitteilungen Ergän-
zungsheft, *numbered series.*

*Gift.

Philistine, *m.*

Philosophical Magazine, *m.*

Philosophical Review, *bi-m.*

*Phonetic Journal, *w.*

*Pitman's Journal, *m.*

Political Science Quarterly, *q.*

Popular Astronomy, *m.*

Popular Science Monthly, *m.*

*Postal Record, *m.*

*Poultry Husbandry, *m.*

Power, *m.*

Printer's Ink, *w.*

*Psychological Bulletin, *m.*

Psychological Review, *bi-m.*

*Public, The, *w.*

Public Libraries, *m.*

Publishers' Weekly, *w.*

Puck, *w.*

Punch, *w.*

Putnam's Monthly and Critic, *m.*

Quarterly Journal of Economics, *q.*

Quarterly Review, *q.*

Railway and Locomotive Engi-
neering, *m.*

Readers' Guide to Periodical
Literature, *m.*

Records of the American Catholic
Historical Society, *q.*

Records of the Past, *m.*

Review of Reviews (English edi-
tion), *m.*

Revue des Deux Mondes, *f.*

St. Nicholas, *m.*

Saturday Evening Post, *w.*

Saturday Review, *w.*

School Review, *m.*

Science, *w.*

Science Abstracts, *m.*

Scientific American, *w.*

Scientific American Supple-
ment, *w.*

- Scottish Geographical Magazine, *m*.
 Scribner's Magazine, *m*.
 *Search-light, *m*.
 *Signs of the Times, *w*.
 *Single Tax Review, *q*.
 Social Service, *m*.
 Society for Psychical Research, Proceedings, *irregular*.
 *Southern Farm Gazette, *f*.
 *Special Consular Reports, *numbered series*.
 Spectator, *w*.
 Strand, *m*.
 Sunday School Times, *w*.
 *Technology Review, *q*.
 Temple Bar, *m*.
 Theosophical Review, *m*.
 Trained Nurse, *m*.
 *Triumphs of Faith, *m*.
 Truth, *w*.
 Tygodnik Ilustrowny, *w*.
 *Typographical Journal, *m*.
 Ueber Land und Meer, *w*.
 *U. S. Department of Agriculture, Climate and Crop Service, New York, *m*.
 *U. S. Department of Agriculture, Climate and Crop Service, West Virginia, *m*.
 *U. S. Labor Bureau, Bulletin, *bi-m*.
 *U. S. Monthly Weather Review, *m*.
 U. S. Naval Institute, Proceedings, *q*.
 U. S. Postal Guide, *m*.
 *U. S. Statistics, Bureau of, Monthly Summary of Commerce and Finance, *m*.
 Vom Fels zum Meer, *f*.
 Westermanns Monatshefte, *m*.
 Westminster Review, *m*.
 World's Work, *m*.
 Yale Review, *q*.
 Youth's Companion, *w*.
 *Zion's Watch Tower, *f*.

*Gift.

SUMMARY.

Monthly,	. . . . .	167
Weekly,	. . . . .	65
Quarterly,	. . . . .	37
Fortnightly,	. . . . .	11
Bi-monthly,	. . . . .	9
Numbered,	3
Irregular,	8
Total,	299

APPENDIX G.

Periodicals in Newspaper Room.

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| Albany Journal, <i>d.</i> | Forest and Stream, <i>w.</i> |
| *Appeal to Reason, <i>w.</i> | *Fresno Guide, <i>s.</i> |
| Atlanta Constitution, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i> | *Gazetta Buffaloska, <i>w.</i> |
| Baltimore American, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i> | Harper's Weekly, <i>w.</i> |
| Boston Herald, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i> | Illinois Staats-Zeitung, <i>d.</i> |
| Boston Transcript, <i>d.</i> | Illustrated London News, <i>w.</i> |
| Brooklyn Eagle, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i> | Judge, <i>w.</i> |
| *Buffalo Arbeiter-Zeitung, <i>w.</i> | Kansas City Star, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i> |
| Buffalo Commercial, <i>d.</i> | *Lancaster Enterprise, <i>w.</i> |
| Buffalo Courier, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i> | Life, <i>w.</i> |
| Buffalo Demokrat, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i> | London Times, <i>w.</i> |
| Buffalo Enquirer, <i>d.</i> | Louisville Courier-Journal, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i> |
| Buffalo Express, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i> | *Lud, <i>w.</i> |
| Buffalo Freie Presse, <i>d.</i> | Milwaukee Sentinel, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i> |
| *Buffalo Herald, <i>w.</i> | Montreal Star, <i>d.</i> |
| Buffalo News, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i> | New Orleans Picayune, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i> |
| *Buffalo Polak w Ameryce, <i>w.</i> | New York Evening Post, <i>d.</i> |
| Buffalo Times, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i> | New York Herald, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i> |
| Buffalo Tribune, <i>s.</i> | New York Staats-Zeitung, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i> |
| Buffalo Volksfreund, <i>d.</i> | New York Sun, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i> |
| Catholic Union and Times, <i>w.</i> | New York Times, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i> |
| *Cattaraugus Times, <i>w.</i> | New York Tribune, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i> |
| Chicago Record-Herald, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i> | *New Yorker Volkszeitung, <i>d.</i> |
| Chicago Tribune, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i> | Omaha Bee, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i> |
| *Christian Intelligencer, <i>w.</i> | Philadelphia North American, <i>d.</i> |
| *Christian Register, <i>w.</i> | and <i>s.</i> |
| Cincinnati Enquirer, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i> | Philadelphia Press, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i> |
| Cleveland Plain Dealer, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i> | Pittsburgh Dispatch, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i> |
| *Colorado Graphic, <i>w.</i> | *Progress, <i>w.</i> |
| *Corriere Italiano, <i>w.</i> | Puck, <i>w.</i> |
| Denver News, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i> | Rochester Democrat and Chron- |
| Detroit Free Press, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i> | icle, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i> |
| *Dziennik Polska, <i>d.</i> | Rochester Post-Express, <i>d.</i> |
| *Dzwon Niedziclny, <i>s.</i> | Rural New Yorker, <i>w.</i> |
| *Erie County Independent, <i>w.</i> | *St. Andrew's Cross, <i>m.</i> |
| | St. Louis Globe Democrat, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i> |

*Gift.

St. Paul Pioneer Press, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i>	Toledo Blade, <i>d.</i>
San Francisco Chronicle, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i>	Toronto Globe, <i>d.</i>
*School, <i>w.</i>	*Trades Union Herald, <i>w.</i>
Scranton Republican, <i>d.</i>	Utica Press, <i>d.</i>
*Seward Weekly Gateway, <i>w.</i>	*Vort Land, <i>w.</i>
*Socialistische Arbeiter-Zeitung,	*Vörwärts, <i>w.</i>
<i>w.</i>	Washington Post, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i>
*Socialist Review, <i>m.</i>	*Weekly People, <i>w.</i>
Springfield Republican, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i>	Westen, Der, <i>w.</i>
*Springville Journal and Herald, <i>d.</i>	*Westfield Republican, <i>w.</i>
Syracuse Post-Standard, <i>d.</i>	*Worker, The, <i>w.</i>

*Gift.

APPENDIX H.

Delivery Stations.

B.—Keller & Deuchler's Drug Store, 739 Seneca Street.

A. J. KELLER, *Keeper.*

C.—Lemon's Pharmacy, 897 Tonawanda Street.

W. E. LEMON, *Keeper.*

D.—Wheeler's Pharmacy, 72 Forest Avenue.

G. J. WHEELER, *Keeper.*

E.—Radder & Wright's Pharmacy, 1872 Niagara Street.

A. H. RADDER, *Keeper.*

F.—Hermann's News Store, 2648 Main Street.

JOHN F. HERMANN, *Keeper.*

G.—Hodson's Drug Store, Seneca and Elk Streets.

J. W. HODSON, *Keeper.*

H.—Krummell's News Store, 2340 Seneca Street.

W. L. KRUMMELL, *Keeper.*

APPENDIX K.

STAFF.

GENERAL.

Walter L. Brown, *Librarian.*
 Mrs. H. L. Elmendorf, *Assistant Librarian.*
 Mrs. Bertrice S. Fulton, *Sup't Circulating Department.*
 William P. Reed, *Treasurer.*
 Ella B. Gartland, *Stenographer.*

CATALOGUE DEPARTMENT.

Ellen M. Chandler, <i>Head,</i>	Eleanor E. Hawkins,
Mary J. Briggs,	Ada L. Palmer,
Ella G. Christey,	Ethel F. Sayre.

ORDER AND ACCESSION DEPARTMENT.

Emily S. Coit,	Pauline D. Lansing.
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BINDERY, RECORDS AND FINISHING.

Harriet E. Provoost, <i>Head,</i>	Isabelle Meyers,
Pauline C. D. Dichel,	May Purdy,

REFERENCE DEPARTMENT.

Frederick J. Shepard, <i>Head,</i>	James P. Fowler,
John H. Zier.	

CIRCULATING DEPARTMENT.

Harriet A. Beach, <i>Head,</i> Delivery Counter.	
Margaret Bruce McCabe, <i>Head,</i> Open-Shelf Room.	
Iva M. Alexander,	Emma G. O'Leary,
Elizabeth A. Burt,	Charlotte M. Parsons,
Emma Carpenter,	M. Elizabeth Schanzlin,
Mabel K. Eddy,	Alice M. Smith,
Caroline M. Galligan,	Katharine T. Sprague,
Edith M. Hamilton,	Marinda S. White,
Grace Huffner,	Myra S. White,
Nellie A. Whitman.	

Jessie H. Cole, Fines and Reserve Books.

CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT.

May Masee, *Head*,
Margaret H. Evans,

Marion Humble,
Hannah M. Lawrence,

Clarence Dichel, *Page*.

SCHOOLS AND BRANCHES.

Harry N. Parsons, *Head*.

Emma Meyer, in charge Joseph P. Dudley Branch.

Charlotte E. Coit, in charge Lafayette Branch.

Mary E. Standbridge, in charge William Ives Branch.

Edward W. Fischer,

Felix A. Oskowski,

Russell J. Forbes,

Leo J. Rozan,

Bruce A. Gibson,

Mabel L. Rushworth,

Mrs. Jozefa Kudlicka,

Blanche M. Tate,

REGISTRY DEPARTMENT.

Helen Spencer,

Etta M. Campbell,

PERIODICAL DEPARTMENT.

Mrs. Stella B. Ransom, *Head*,

Rose E. Chamberlin.

NEWSPAPER DEPARTMENT.

Sara P. Sheldon, *Head*,

Charles Thries.

SHELF DEPARTMENT.

Robert Ramsey, *Head*,

Louis W. Pohlman,

Ernst B. Becker,

Harold M. Pritchard,

James Leary,

Eric J. Reeves,

Otto F. Leonberger,

William Schwartz,

Harry O'Connor,

Wesley Watson,

ENGINEER AND JANITOR.

(Acting.)

Charles Fraser.

Two Assistants.

Six Women.

CHECK ROOM.

Charles E. Fulton.

ELEVATOR.

John Hickey.

SPECIAL OFFICER.

Madison E. Grantier.

LIBRARY DEPARTMENTS AND HOURS.

READING, REFERENCE AND PERIODICAL ROOMS.

Week days, 9 A. M. to 9 P. M.
Sundays and holidays, 11 A. M. to 9 P. M.

CIRCULATING DEPARTMENT.

Every day except Sundays and holidays, 9 A. M. to 9 P. M.

NEWSPAPER ROOM.

Week days, 8.30 A. M. to 9 P. M.
Sundays and holidays, 8.30 A. M. to 7 P. M.

CHILDREN'S ROOM.

Monday to Friday, 2.30 P. M. to 6 P. M.
Saturdays and during school vacations, 9 A. M. to 6 P. M.
Sundays, 2 P. M. to 6 P. M.
Holidays, except Christmas and Fourth of July, . . . 11 A. M. to 6 P. M.

WILLIAM IVES BRANCH, 746 Broadway.

Week days, 2 P. M. to 9 P. M.

JOSEPH P. DUDLEY BRANCH, 503 South Park Avenue.

Week days, 2 P. M. to 9 P. M.

LAFAYETTE BRANCH, Lafayette High School.

For pupils of the school, During school hours.
For general public, week days, 2 P. M. to 5 P. M.

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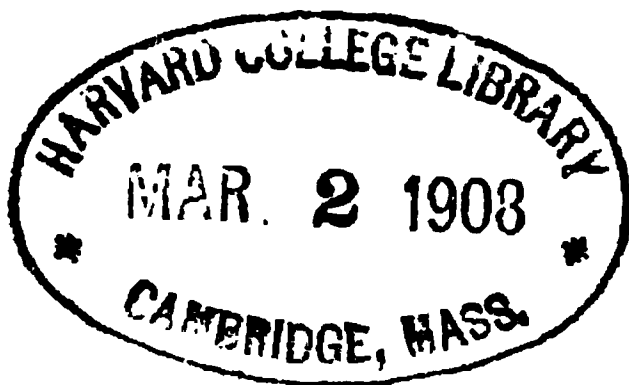
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BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

1907.

REPRESENTATIVES OF THE BUFFALO LIBRARY.

GEORGE L. WILLIAMS,	term expires 1908.
THOMAS T. RAMSDELL,	" " 1909.
CHARLES P. NORTON,	" " 1910.
HOWARD H. BAKER,	" " 1911.
WALTER P. COOKE,	" " 1912.

REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CITY OF BUFFALO.

EX-OFFICIO:

The Mayor, JAMES N. ADAM.
The Corporation Counsel, LOUIS E. DESBECKER.
The Superintendent of Education, HENRY P. EMERSON.

APPOINTED BY THE MAYOR:

NATHANIEL W. NORTON, term expires 1910.
EDWIN G. S. MILLER, term expires 1912.

OFFICERS.

President, THOMAS T. RAMSDELL.
Vice-President, WALTER P. COOKE.
Treasurer, WILLIAM P. REED.
Secretary, WALTER L. BROWN.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

HOWARD H. BAKER, *Chairman.*
THOMAS T. RAMSDELL, *Ex-officio.*
WALTER P. COOKE, *Ex-officio.*
NATHANIEL W. NORTON.
EDWIN G. S. MILLER.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

To the Honorable the Common Council of the City of Buffalo :

GENTLEMEN,—I have the honor to present to you the annual report of the Buffalo Public Library for the year 1907.

This is made up of the report of the Librarian, Mr. Walter L. Brown, and that of the Treasurer, Mr. William P. Reed, which is accompanied by a certificate of audit by an expert accountant. These the Board of Directors has adopted and submits them as being its report.

I express the feeling of the whole Board in recording a sense of great loss to the Library in the death of Mr. Joseph P. Dudley on February 14th. Mr. Dudley had served on the Library Board continuously since its organization in 1897, and as its President since 1902. His service was most enthusiastic and devoted, and the city of Buffalo owes much to his memory.

No department of the municipal life of Buffalo is enjoying more increasing popularity than the figures of this report prove to be given to the Public Library.

The Library sent out during 1907, 1,277,751 books for home use, which is an increase of 75,922 above the figures for 1906. The work of the Library has increased year by year without any corresponding increase in the appropriation for library maintenance, which sum has always been meager as compared with other cities where the circulation has reached any such extent. In 1907, while the amount given to us was \$8,000 more than the year before, it was with the understanding that this amount was to be used to make necessary repairs and improvements to the main library building.

It is difficult to care for the wear and tear upon the library which its large business entails and which naturally is a larger expense each year. Last year, as the report shows, nearly 20,000 books had to be discarded as worn out. Since the Library was taken over by the city more books have been worn out by its readers than were in the original collection.

Work in all existing agencies for the distribution of books is increasing and there are, at the same time, many demands for library service from citizens who are not yet enjoying its privileges, which are impossible to grant.

On November 12th, the Buffalo Schoolmasters' Association passed a resolution urging that the class-room libraries be placed in all the grammar schools. There are now thirty-nine of the sixty-two schools supplied. We should like to grant this, so far as possible, by adding a few schools each year. None have been added since 1902.

The Library is offering educational help to all citizens of Buffalo who can take advantage of it and it is being used more and more. In this way it is contributing, we think, to the prosperity of the city.

It is not only impossible to consider any demands for new service, but we have reached a volume of business which makes it necessary for you to decide whether we should cut off some of its present activities, or whether the appropriation for Library use shall be increased.

We appreciate the fact that the Library work can be extended only by degrees from year to year, but we cannot do even this if the appropriations remain stationary as they have done for several years past. For a number of years Your Honorable Body granted for the use of Libraries four one-hundredths of one percentum of the total taxable assessed valuation of the property of the city of Buffalo, and we urge that this again be granted. It would enable us, we believe, to meet the most necessary demands and to gradually extend the service.

THOMAS T. RAMSDELL,

President.

For the Board of Directors of the Buffalo Public Library.

January 17, 1908.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Statement of the Treasurer of the Buffalo Public Library from
January 1, 1907, to January 1, 1908.

RECEIPTS.

Balance, January 1, 1907,	\$ 212.15
City of Buffalo,	84,000.00
Interest from the Buffalo Library Permanent Fund, . .	3,257.39
Interest on Bank Account,	213.35
Fines, etc.,	4,192.95
State of New York,	300.00
School Fund,	2,609.98
	<u>\$ 94,785.82</u>

EXPENDITURES.

Books,	\$ 16,339.57
Periodicals,	1,918.57
Binding,	7,409.22
Printing,	666.40
Library Supplies,	1,406.39
Fuel,	3,095.67
Light,	3,279.95
Insurance,	1,533.90
Building,	4,792.23
Miscellaneous,	3,078.62
Salaries: Library Employees,	41,406.96
Salaries: Building Employees,	6,142.22
Delivery Stations,	847.77
Branches,	1,733.55
Balance, January 1, 1908,	1,134.80
	<u>\$ 94,785.82</u>

(Signed) WILLIAM P. REED, *Treasurer.*

BUFFALO, January 16, 1908.

I have examined the books and vouchers of Mr. William P. Reed, Treasurer of the Buffalo Public Library, and find same correct. The examination covers the period from January 1, 1907, to January 1, 1908.

(Signed) WILLIAM D. INGERSOLL,
Accountant and Auditor.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

To the Board of Directors of the Buffalo Public Library :

GENTLEMEN,—I have the honor of presenting the eleventh annual report of the work of the Buffalo Public Library. The figures shown in the report are a matter of congratulation, as they are a proof of the continued popular use and of the appreciation of the Library.

The circulation of books for home use numbered 1,277,751, which is a gain of 75,922 over that of 1906. This gain has not been made by the opening of any new branch or other means of distribution, but is an increase in the use of every department.

It has been the aim of the Library to become a factor in the life of Buffalo by giving all the practical aid to individuals or associations that is possible by the use of recorded experience. Not only do we wish to help the education of children while in the schools, but to impress them with the fact that the city provides a means of continuing that education throughout their lives. We also are providing for all our citizens a means of pleasant relaxation and entertainment. The daily throngs at the Library testify to your success. There are 70,000 actual card holders and at least half as many more are using library books through agencies where registration is not required, but still there are many calls for the Library to extend its work.

We must call attention to the fact that it is not possible to do more with the means at our disposal, and it is a grave question as to what privileges we must cut off unless it is deemed wise to appropriate more money for library purposes.

We think that there can be no question as to extravagance in the library management, as a comparison of figures will show that more return is given for the amount of money spent—measuring the service by the circulation—than in any other city in the United States. Shall we go on developing the work of the Library, or must we limit it to less than it now is? It is for the city to decide.

THE LIBRARY BUILDING.

The amount of the 1905-06 appropriation was increased last year by \$8,000, with the understanding that the amount was to be used in making the necessary repairs and purchasing needed furniture for the main building. About half of this amount was available before January 1st. With it we have decorated most of the larger rooms, repaired the

roofs and pointed the brick and stone work. This has greatly improved the building and will save much expense in the future. There is much still to be done, but the money will be available for that purpose.

The gift of the German Young Men's Association made it necessary to place about 8,000 books in our already crowded stacks. New stacks were built in the Reference Room, upon which we placed the periodical literature. The process entailed the shifting of practically the whole collection of books.

NEEDS.

Books.—The number of books worn out during 1907 was five thousand greater than the number withdrawn in 1906, the total for 1907 being 19,641. This figure, large though it is, will probably increase each year with the increasing use of the Library. Since the Library was opened to the free use of the public more books have been worn out than were in the original collection. We should not be satisfied if the books were not used, but the replacing of those worn out must be reckoned with as one of the large items of expense. We need books, books, and more books.

We need to increase largely our supply of books on the arts and on mechanics—such books as are helpful to the practical workers—and we also should supply a growing need of industrial Buffalo—a general technical library.

All departments are hampered by the need of books.

Branches.—No city having a circulation of books approaching that of Buffalo is not better supplied with the means of distributing books in sections far away from the library center. We have two small branch libraries in rented quarters and one in a high school. A building for a branch library at Black Rock has long been promised, but it is dependent upon the sale of real estate which is in the City's hands. We do not look for a series of monumental buildings such as many cities have received by gift, or otherwise, but we could do a great deal of good work had we more of these small branches, from which we could distribute books to citizens who are now without library privileges.

Printing.—Much could be done to assist our readers if we were able to print more lists and bibliographies, as well as more general finding lists for use outside the library. All the catalogues we now have of the general collection are those on cards in the main Library.

Schools.—We have class-room libraries in thirty-nine of the sixty-two grammar schools. All the schools have asked for them, but we have not been able to increase the number since 1902. There is no work done by the Library better worth while than this.

A Larger Staff.—The number of the staff has not been increased with the rapidly growing use of the Library. It is becoming a physical impossibility to make the service as prompt and efficient as it should be. The whole value of a public library is made up of the books plus the people who make them serviceable by their assistance and guidance. Our work would be more effective, probably, were the volume less.

The press of the city has been most generous in giving out news of the Library, and we owe it much. This is true not only of the English papers, but of those papers which appeal to our newer citizens in their own tongues.

The Library has greatly missed the cordial interest of Mr. Joseph P. Dudley in all its work. He was President of the Board at the beginning of the year, but closed his long service shortly after. His last thought was for the welfare of the Library.

The annual meeting of the staff was held on January 8th, when the heads of departments presented reports upon which the following is based.

REGISTRATION.

The number of borrowers who registered for library cards during 1907 was 22,492, which is 6,951 greater than the registration of 1906 and 12,027 more than 1905. The number of cards canceled during the same period was 18,747, leaving the number of cards in force January 1, 1908, 68,779.

It should always be remembered that those using the Library through some of its most active agencies of distribution—30,000 from the schools and many more from the traveling libraries—do not use cards.

Heretofore our borrowers' cards have been issued for a term of three years from January 1st. A slight change has been made and they are now issued for three years from the date of application, which will probably result in avoiding the congestion during one month of the year.

A simpler form of application has been adopted and the children's applications separated and placed in the Children's Department.

(See Appendix A.)

CONTENTS OF THE LIBRARY.

Total number of volumes in the permanent collection,
January 1, 1907, 232,255

Additions, 1907 :

By purchase,	23,338
By gift,	8,207
By binding,	863
By exchange,	83
Recovered, formerly reported as lost, .	57
Total additions,	32,548

Deductions during 1907 :

Charged, but not returned,	259
Lost and paid for,	248
Reported lost, not yet paid for, . . .	18
Worn out, lost or withdrawn,	19,116
Total deductions,	19,641

Net additions, after all deductions, 12,907

Total number of volumes in permanent collection, . . 245,162

Duplicate collection, not catalogued, not in use, . . . 2,433

Total number of volumes, January 1, 1908, 247,595

Pamphlets, 23,010

Maps and plans, 1,742

Coast survey charts, 627

Lake survey charts, 210

Folios of geologic atlas, U. S. geological survey, 145

Sheet music, 14,355

(See Appendix B.)

CIRCULATION.

Total circulation of books for home use, 1,277,751

Increase over previous year, 75,922

Number of days circulating departments open, 305

Daily average circulation, 4,189

Per cent. of fiction, including children's stories and fiction
in foreign languages, 631

(See Appendix C.)

CIRCULATING DEPARTMENT—LOAN DESK.

The number of books passed over the Loan Desk to borrowers for home use was, during 1907, 263,450, which is a gain of nearly 6,000 over the previous year.

A change which has much facilitated the service in this room was the introduction of the Request window. All requests are now handed through this window to the attendants—the borrower passing on to the main counter as soon as the request is taken. The plan not only secures to the borrower his order of service, but saves much time which was formerly spent in ascertaining who had been cared for. The line before the window enables the Librarian in charge to tell at a glance the number of those waiting for service.

Other changes in this room are under consideration, for more than in any other department this feels the advantage of changes which help rapidity of service, as the borrowers come here with definite requests for books they wish to take away.

The policy of the Library is to help the borrower to get what is wanted for any special need. We do not hesitate to grant permission at any time to take extra books, to the extent of their being available, if it does not interfere with others' rights.

(See Appendices B *and* C.)

OPEN SHELF ROOM.

We still regard the Open Shelf Room as an unqualified success. Should the loss of books which it seems to entail continue at the present figure, which is much too large, the room would still justify itself in the immeasurable stimulus it gives to the reading of the better books and the pleasure it gives a very large number of readers in selecting books for themselves directly from the shelves.

Of the 8,552 titles, many of which are several times duplicated, 2,911 are books of fiction. The circulation of all classes of books from these shelves last year, 275,159, was an increase of 10,500 over 1906, and averages twelve issues for every book in the collection.

Constant effort is made to keep the collection in touch with the needs and interests of the day: *e. g.* by removing the books on bicycles and Dreyfus, diminishing the number on nature study, and adding books on farming for city men and on industrial alcohol, as each season brings its own demand.

The use of technical books in this room is increasing with the growing industrial life of the city and with the interest in technical

training. The number of books on "Useful arts" numbers 608, the circulation of which was 5,057. Every reader brings a reader. The man who is looking for "information on reducing valves" or who is "having trouble with a steam hoist" is a daily visitor.

"Equally represented with the useful, the easily read, the diverting modern volumes are the great vital books of poetry and wisdom, the constant use of which most encourages us, for our prosperity lies indeed not in the hand of him who gives, but him who takes."

The little case of specially recommended volumes of non-fiction is still the most popular one in the room, over 9,000 books having been drawn from these three shelves during the year. It requires much time and thought, but with the illustrated bulletins of books on special subjects or individual books which are displayed in this room, helps to call attention to very many refreshing and likable books.

These rooms have been thronged with readers, many days more than could find seats, the crowd hindering the best service of the regular work of the department.

(See Appendices B and C.)

CHILDREN'S ROOM.

The total number of books drawn from the Children's Room for the year is 136,196, and in addition to this it has supplied the Stations with about 6,000 books. This means a gain of 25 per cent. on the circulation of 1906 and an average of 446 volumes a day. The fiction circulated is 55 per cent.

Effective as this department is, it could be made much more so were it possible to give to it the books and the service it calls for. In common with other departments, the demands upon it could not be properly met last year. Personal influence and personal interest count very high in the degree of effectiveness in work with children, but this was minimized by the volume of business, and yet the Library through its various agencies is reaching only half of the children of Buffalo.

About an average of seventy children enjoy the weekly story hour—about two-thirds of them being street boys. Boys who have at times been committed to corrective institutions will listen to stories before they take to reading them. For example, the stories and poems of one morning's program, all of which must be interesting, will have, without the boy's knowledge, the central idea of faithfulness. After such a morning, many children ask for the books in which these stories can be found. The difficulty of selecting stories which will hold the

interest of small folk of six years and street boys of fourteen or more is serious. It should be possible to have more than one circle. We should like very much to extend this work to all our outside agencies beyond the main building. It has been tried in schools with great success as a means of introducing the children to the best books and, through them, to higher ideals.

The staff, by its round table work, is kept interested and enthusiastic, while receiving training and inspiration to do the best work.

(See Appendices B and C.)

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT.

The number of class room libraries placed in the grammar schools, 721, is one less than last year. We have been unable to supply any additional school throughout with these libraries since 1902. There are twenty-three schools as yet without them. That they are needed and appreciated is shown by the appeals which come from principals who have been transferred to schools without them and by the action of the Buffalo Schoolmasters' Association, requesting that they be granted to all schools. We regard this as quite the most important work of the Library, for it helps to blend the influence of the Public Library with that of the school, and prompts the pupils to continue habits of reading and study acquired in the brief years of their school life. It would not be possible to give the libraries to all the schools in one year, but we should like to be able to add four or five each year if our income warranted.

In these libraries 31,028 books were used ; 6,794 books and 2,889 picture books were purchased last year, while 4,791 books and 4,840 picture books of those already in use were rebound. The circulation was 363,979.

The Library sent a circular letter to each of the pupils of the 8th and 9th grades of the schools, many of whom were about to leave school forever, calling attention to the books in the Public Library as a means of pleasure and further education.

Fifty-seven of the public schools have drawn upon our picture collection, more uses for which are being constantly found. We are now sending these pictures to schools of every kind, to study clubs and to many individuals engaged in educational work. Last year 20,297 were circulated, and there are now in the collection 16,497 pictures, mounted, classified and arranged.

We have as far as possible helped the schools which have not the class-room libraries by loaning them books for special use by means of the traveling libraries.

The Library Station at Masten Park High School has been abandoned for the present, as its use did not justify the expense. We hope sometime to offer to help this school in a more practical and efficient manner.

The Library is in close touch with the educational work of the city and never refuses to respond to the requests made for assistance, although we can meet them in a limited way only. We recognize that there is a very large field here for library work which, as yet, we cannot enter.

The exhibit of Christmas books in the Teachers' Room of the School Department was visited by 521 people this year—all of whom, we believe, received some suggestion and help.

(See Appendix D.)

TRAVELING LIBRARIES.

The distribution of books through traveling libraries has steadily increased. Some localities where they have been placed we feel confident could be made in time prosperous library centers. The number of these libraries sent out during 1907 was 155, with, in all, 6,943 books, the circulation of which was 18,447. The statistics are no real measure of the use of these libraries. Many of the books are not loaned from the place where they are deposited.

Our being able to meet so large a demand was by our having selected from the stack many idle duplicates of books, the demand for which had fallen off in the main library. Sending these books to distant parts of the city brought them into active circulation, where they were highly appreciated and enjoyed. The owners of one large factory using books of this kind were so much pleased with the result that the management has decided to purchase a library of its own and to place it in a special room fitted for the purpose. We have coöperated with them in making up a list of five hundred books which we believe best fitted to the readers who are to use it.

Another experiment has resulted from the enthusiasm of a grammar school principal, who has made his school a neighborhood center. A little library which was originally borrowed for a Mothers' Club has developed into a depository of over 300 books, which are in active circulation in the neighborhood. A great many more such libraries could be well placed with little expense beyond the cost of the books.

In the books of fiction in such libraries we have had placed a little circular urging the reading of books for the sake of education and for help in everyday occupations.

Attention is called to the list of traveling libraries as showing the many different needs they supply.

(See Appendix E.)

STATIONS.

The circulation of books through the seven Library Stations increased 6,020, the total being 41,491 books. This gain was distributed among all of the Stations, one-third of it being gained by the increased demand for children's books.

We have distributed book-lists and reading suggestions through the Stations this year, with good results.

These agencies of distribution are the least satisfactory, for the reason that the borrower does not come in direct contact with any member of the Library staff. These are at best merely substitutes for something better which we would like to give the parts of the city farthest away from the main building. We have requests for the opening of new Stations from localities as yet unsupplied with any library agency.

(See Appendix H.)

BRANCHES AND DEPOSITORIES.

WILLIAM IVES BRANCH, DOM POLSKI, No. 1079 BROADWAY.

The second year of work of this Branch in its new location has demonstrated that it is ideal for public library work. The new registration of borrowers during 1907 numbered 1,596 and the total circulation of books 63,334. The borrowers are now reading the books much more thoroughly, and are showing a keen interest in the Library, indicated by the increasing use of the reading-rooms. Forty-three per cent. of the books circulated were in Polish, 2 per cent. in German. The Polish circulation has decreased 3 per cent., the gain being in the books in English.

Some of the older book-cases have been replaced with others much more attractive and useful. This Branch Library is one of the best influences in this thickly populated district, and the work is capable of much extension.

THE JOSEPH P. DUDLEY BRANCH, No. 503 SOUTH PARK AVENUE.

The circulation of books through this small Branch Library continues to increase. Last year it was 26,315. We believe the facilities to be woefully inadequate for the section of the city in which it is placed. South Buffalo is a thriving city in itself, with a large popula-

tion of workers in some of the greatest of Buffalo's industries, and deserves much better library service. A special need is an increase in the supply of technical books and they should be placed in larger and more attractive library rooms.

LAFAYETTE BRANCH, LAFAYETTE HIGH SCHOOL.

Although the Branch is open only during the school season and short hours it had last year a circulation of 33,390 books, a large gain over that of the year before. Much reference work is done in this Branch by the pupils of the school, although the quarters are crowded and the shelf room limited. The school authorities deserve our thanks for their cordial coöperation and support of the work.

WESTMINSTER HOUSE, No. 421 MONROE STREET (DEPOSITORY).

(Open Monday afternoon and evening.)

The capacity for circulation of books through this agency was fully taxed, the number, 7,734 books, being a gain of 18 per cent. on last year's work. To go beyond this will require more room. The circulation is largely with the children of the neighborhood, and its Librarian comes into personal relations with each borrower, as there are no open shelves.

WELCOME HALL, No. 404 SENECA STREET (DEPOSITORY).

(Open Friday afternoon and evening.)

The good effect of the work of these small depositories is, we believe, out of all proportion to the size of the circulation because of the personal help which the Librarian in charge can give to the readers. From Welcome Hall 5,530 books were taken for home use, a slight gain over last year's figures.

REFERENCE DEPARTMENT.

All sets of bound periodicals were removed this year from the main book stack to the new stacks which had been placed for this purpose in the larger Reference Room. This not only relieved the crowded condition of the lower stack, but brought the books into the department where they are used, saving much time and travel.

The large collection of pamphlets made of newspaper clippings during several years by the Newspaper Department, which is largely of local interest, was also moved to be near at hand to the Reference Room.

When we consider the number of books in this department placed on open shelves and in constant use, the loss of but six inexpensive books is quite remarkable. We regret to say that some mutilation still continues, although we are convinced that it is done by a very few readers, whom we hope finally to detect.

The Reference Room is now closed on Sundays, but books can be used for reference in other reading rooms which are open.

PERIODICAL DEPARTMENT.

The number of periodicals on file in this department during 1907 was 332, which number includes 91 gifts. 200 are bound for the permanent collection of the Library. The attendance has considerably increased. It is estimated as being about 300 a day.

(See Appendix F.)

NEWSPAPER DEPARTMENT.

Of the 98 daily and weekly papers on file in the Newspaper Room, 37 are gifts. The making of pamphlets of newspaper cuttings continues, and is of great value and help to those who have to look for the history of any local movement or enterprise. The history of the Buffalo McKinley monument has been finished, and a large volume on Old Home Week compiled in this way.

(See Appendix G.)

CATALOGUE DEPARTMENT.

Although the dictionary catalogue was not completed as was expected, because of the unexpected extra work of cataloguing the large gift of German books, there is but little to be done to finish it. A thorough revision of its subject headings and cross references has been made, which will be of great benefit to those using it. Of the 358,200 cards in this catalogue, 40,892 have been added during this year, 9,008 of which were printed cards from the Library of Congress. 42,369 cards were added to the depository Library of Congress catalogue. The total number of cards filed in the various library catalogues during 1907 was 111,932.

Of English prose fiction, 10,531 volumes were shelflisted and 632 volumes catalogued. In addition to caring for the new additions as they have been purchased and the large number of German books from the German Young Men's Association, the department has assigned subject headings for and arranged the collection of newspaper-clipping

pamphlets, arranged alphabetically the collection of portrait prints, and made a complete list of the uncatalogued duplicates which are used for exchange.

ORDER DEPARTMENT.

Although the number of volumes purchased was 1,500 less than 1906, the number added to the Library, 28,802, by purchase, gift and exchange, all of which have to be checked, accessioned and acknowledged, was very much greater. In addition to this, there were 908 books bought for the school reference libraries, which are deposited permanently in the grammar schools. The number of books on orders outstanding January 1, 1908, was estimated as 413, the approximate cost of which will be \$464.78.

BOOKS IN FOREIGN LANGUAGES.

Some additions have been made to our already excellent collection of books in French, which is used almost wholly by English-speaking people. The books in Polish are all sent to the William Ives Branch, which is placed in the center of the district occupied by the Polish people. We have also purchased some books in Spanish and in Italian. The demand for the latter is steadily increasing. We have also felt some demand for books in Swedish, Hungarian and in modern Hebrew and Greek.

The orders for German books this year have been mainly made up of new publications. These books are having many more readers because of the interest created by the gift noted below.

THE GIFT OF THE LIBRARY OF THE DEUTSCHE JUNGMAENNER GESELLSCHAFT (GERMAN YOUNG MEN'S ASSOCIATION).

This Association, established in Buffalo in 1841, after a long and useful service decided to abandon the conduct of its library, and through its Committee, the President, Mr. William Miller, Dr. William Gaertner and Messrs. Charles F. Bishop, G. Fred Zeller, Wm. Lautz and Henry vom Berge, generously offered it to the Buffalo Public Library "for the encouragement of the reading the German language." The gift is highly prized, not only because of the books, but as showing confidence and appreciation of the work and the popular use of this Library. In addition to the gift of books, the Association has decided to place in the entrance hall a bronze tablet, to commemorate the gift.

The Association has also offered to defray the expense of printing of an author list of all books in the German language, not only in its

gift, but in the collection of the Buffalo Public Library. This catalogue is now in preparation.

The books in this gift numbered 7,645 in German, 568 in English, 35 volumes of Patent Office Gazettes, and 172 maps, pictures, etc. Of these, 7,554 volumes in German and 55 of those in English were placed in the Library. The others were either duplicates, mostly public documents, or odd volumes of broken sets. 5,928 volumes were new titles to the Public Library collection, about 70 per cent. of them being fiction. These books have all been catalogued and placed in the Library ready for use, and the work has been done by the regular library staff without extra help.

OTHER GIFTS.

In addition to this large gift and the gifts of the national, state and municipal governments, there were the usual number of books and pamphlets, all of which have been acknowledged to the donors.

The J. C. Moss Agency gave the Library about 2,500 magazine numbers, which were used in various ways, some to complete our own files, many to the School Department to be used in the picture work, and the balance sent to other institutions.

About forty directories of other cities are sent to us annually by the Courier Company. After remaining on our shelves for a year, they are passed on to the Buffalo Historical Society.

BINDING.

The number of books bound in our own bindery during 1907 was 19,241. The number of magazines and pamphlets placed in board and paper covers was 3,624. The total number of pieces handled was 22,865. In addition to this, we have had nearly 1,000 volumes bound outside of the building, the total being about 3,000 in excess of the figure of last year. There are many valuable sets in the Library which sadly need attention, as the old leather bindings, from action of heat and gas, are falling to pieces. We can only care for them by sending a very few to the binder each year.

The work of "finishing" books, preparing them for circulation by adding stamps, labels, etc., has been unusually great because of the gift of German books.

PUBLICATIONS.

There is no greater need than finding lists and other publications which would aid readers in finding the resources of the Library, without coming to consult the card catalogues.

We need a new edition of the catalogue of books used in the classroom libraries, and some progress has been made in its preparation, as well as lists of the books in foreign languages.

This year we have issued nothing in addition to the usual report and lists of additions, excepting a few leaflets giving lists on special topics and to urge the use of the Library.

LIBRARY RECEIPTS.

Fines,	\$3,732.99
Catalogues sold,	27.25
Books lost and paid for,	165.21
Reserve postal cards,	191.69
Miscellaneous,	75.81
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	\$ 4,192.95

THE STAFF.

There have been but few changes in the staff this year, and most of the positions made vacant have been filled by promotion, the new members having been taken from the regular library eligible list. We have given two examinations this year to applicants for positions, one on February 23d and the other on November 16th. About twelve passed each of the examinations, and some of these failed in the test of two weeks' trial which is given them before their names are placed on the eligible list.

We have done more in staff training this year than was possible before. Round tables are now held in nearly every department, at which methods and books are discussed. To this we can trace habits of greater carefulness and accuracy, a more comprehensive view of the work as a whole, and happier, better service. The stress of overwork in every department, which has been unavoidable this year, has been met without a single complaint.

The staff Mutual Aid Association has a balance of \$148.78 in its treasury, after having paid out during the year \$134.21 in sick benefits.

(See Appendix K.)

Respectfully submitted,

WALTER L. BROWN,
Librarian.

APPENDIX B.

Classified Contents of the Library.

	Books. Totals, Jan. 1, 1907.	Per Cent.	Gross Additions, 1907.	Per Cent.	Net Additions, 1907.	Per Cent.	Books. Totals, Jan. 1, 1908.
General works,	11,421	.051	525	.018	327	.026	11,748
Philosophy,	3,025	.013	179	.006	130	.011	3,155
Religion, mythology, fairy tales,	11,629	.052	508	.018	*-328	-.026	11,301
Sociology,	23,527	.104	1,301	.045	*-279	-.022	23,248
Philology,	1,107	.005	61	.002	50	.004	1,157
Natural science,	13,196	.058	933	.032	190	.015	13,386
Useful arts,	9,441	.042	737	.026	529	.043	9,970
Fine arts,	7,364	.033	412	.014	282	.023	7,646
Literature,	26,066	.115	5,620	.195	3,628	.296	29,694
Prose fiction,	71,068	.315	15,090	.524	5,705	.165	76,773
History,	20,637	.091	1,298	.045	711	.058	21,348
Travel,	12,778	.057	1,237	.043	541	.044	13,319
Biography,	12,680	.056	857	.030	565	.046	13,245
Local history and literature, . .	1,695	.008	47	.002	214	.017	1,909
Totals,	225,634		28,805		12,265		237,899
Recovered, formerly reported as lost,			57				
Children's picture books, . . .	6,621		3,686		642		7,263
Totals,	232,255		32,548				
Total permanent collection:							245,162
Net additions, Jan. 1, 1907, to Jan. 1, 1908,					12,907		
Duplicate volumes not catalogued and not in use,							2,433
Grand total books, January 1, 1908,							247,595

* By transfer.

Per Cent.	Stack.	Refer-ence Room.	Open Shelf Room.	Chil-dren's Room.	School Dept.	Wm. Ives Branch	Lafay-ette Branch	J. P. Dudley Branch	West-minster House.	Wel-come Hall.	Pam-phlets.
.049	6,954	3,364	1,354	10	1	41	2	22			3,646
.013	2,536	185	271	23	38	53	28	21			419
.047	7,744	1,333	393	440	1,057	132	69	59	43	31	919
.098	17,674	1,761	767	549	1,948	290	80	97	36	46	6,680
.005	836	229	35	1	17	28	6	5			87
.056	7,113	1,508	911	760	2,633	167	128	116	26	24	1,015
.042	6,622	1,557	653	247	659	95	46	73	11	7	2,858
.032	5,543	783	622	245	234	62	78	72	5	2	1,072
.125	10,940	8,155	1,426	1,386	6,189	747	369	319	83	80	290
.323	37,492		12,256	4,160	16,496	2,926	1,578	1,209	353	303	
.090	14,553	878	1,262	851	2,897	362	268	213	31	33	1,061
.056	8,251	352	1,142	777	2,071	295	208	157	38	28	491
.056	9,139	500	1,238	492	1,372	161	199	112	14	18	815
.008	230	1,674		1		2		2			3,657
	135,627	22,279	22,330	9,942	35,612	5,361	3,059	2,477	640	572	23,010
				549	6,254	222	4	95	45	94	
				10,491	41,866	5,583	3,063	2,572	685	666	23,010

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APPENDIX C: 1.

Circulation by Classes.

1907	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Totals	Per Cent.
Magazines, . .	2,502	2,446	2,571	2,384	2,275	1,969	1,957	2,131	1,926	2,605	2,455	2,209	27,430	.021
Philosophy, . .	595	584	672	599	513	471	492	544	471	613	584	596	6,734	.005
Religion, . . .	946	987	1,117	938	792	654	587	568	602	948	912	883	9,934	.008
Sociology, . . .	1,129	1,048	1,393	1,182	1,031	764	617	638	903	1,223	1,264	1,227	12,419	.010
Philology, . . .	185	209	151	135	136	137	123	126	121	163	188	156	1,830	.001
Science,	3,415	3,193	5,927	4,853	4,283	1,801	1,115	964	5,446	5,572	4,828	3,701	45,098	.035
Useful Arts, . .	2,185	2,145	2,720	2,388	2,069	1,242	1,171	1,179	2,292	2,713	2,344	2,150	24,598	.019
Fine Arts, . . .	1,835	2,039	2,195	2,051	1,886	1,281	1,211	1,179	1,614	2,224	1,847	1,921	21,283	.017
Literature, . . .	13,597	10,706	21,176	18,950	16,986	6,847	3,983	3,763	18,957	22,457	19,573	15,681	172,676	.135
History,	5,579	5,235	7,519	6,285	5,285	3,176	1,890	1,840	7,196	7,541	7,043	5,964	64,553	.051
Biography, . . .	4,614	4,321	6,612	5,326	4,648	2,400	1,690	1,712	5,085	5,576	5,455	4,558	51,997	.041
Travel,	2,902	2,958	3,967	3,169	2,898	1,651	1,234	1,176	3,316	3,535	3,384	2,927	33,117	.026
*Prose Fiction, .	67,719	59,787	84,593	78,322	70,465	45,838	42,604	43,042	73,323	86,737	81,378	72,279	806,082	.631
Total,	107,203	95,658	140,613	126,582	113,267	68,231	58,674	58,862	121,252	141,907	131,250	114,252	1,277,751	1.000

*Includes children's stories, fairy tales, picture books, and fiction in foreign languages.

Number of days open, 305.
Daily average, all departments, 4,189

Largest day, main library, 5,327.
Smallest day, main library, 1,718.

APPENDIX C: 2.

Circulation by Departments.

1907	Desk.	Open Shelves.	Children's Room.	Class-Room Libraries.	Books Issued to Class-Room Libraries.	Stations.	High Schools.	Westminster House.	Welcome Hall.	Wm. Ives Branch.	Jos. P. Dudley Branch.	Lafayette Branch.	Total Branches.	Traveling Libraries.	Totals.
January .	23,844	25,358	11,993	26,538	.....	3,433	492	547	560	7,958	2,968	2,808	14,241	1,304	107,203
February .	22,488	24,345	13,137	15,928	.....	3,579	846	608	584	7,181	2,396	3,596	14,345	990	95,658
March . .	24,384	25,780	14,958	53,404	.....	3,976	909	677	735	7,028	2,666	3,884	14,990	2,212	140,613
April . .	22,468	24,244	13,148	44,045	.....	3,848	1,182	883	599	6,657	2,647	4,068	14,854	2,798	126,582
May . . .	20,949	21,919	11,100	40,131	.....	3,734	972	672	598	5,100	2,249	3,575	12,194	2,268	113,267
June . .	18,147	19,793	8,855	6,983	.....	3,503	304	580	408	4,459	1,805	2,032	9,284	1,362	68,231
July . . .	19,323	20,029	8,240	.....	.....	3,395	.....	612	284	3,698	1,804	.....	6,398	1,289	58,674
August .	20,496	20,801	7,550	.....	.....	3,159	.....	429	333	3,643	1,664	.....	6,069	787	58,862
September	19,085	18,992	7,754	33,183	30,515	2,652	.....	538	233	3,358	1,510	1,872	7,511	1,560	121,252
October .	24,601	24,114	12,600	61,989	513	3,231	.....	588	327	4,048	2,111	4,089	11,163	3,696	141,907
November	25,078	25,874	14,635	47,511	.....	3,320	.....	714	486	4,740	2,608	4,481	13,029	1,803	131,250
December	22,587	23,910	12,231	34,267	.....	3,661	.....	886	413	5,474	2,487	2,985	12,245	5,351	114,252
Totals, . .	263,450	275,159	136,196	363,979	31,028	41,491	4,705	7,734	5,540	63,344	26,315	33,390	136,323	25,420	1,277,751

APPENDIX C: 3.

Circulation — Comparative Statement.

	1903	1904	1905	1906	1907
January,	98,244	96,014	101,425	107,689	107,203
February,	90,788	98,241	97,398	90,356	95,658
March,	118,257	142,188	147,243	156,286	140,613
April,	95,652	111,109	102,314	105,336	126,582
May,	80,359	90,876	99,182	102,075	113,287
June,	52,653	55,432	57,990	58,613	68,231
July,	51,663	55,128	52,519	51,689	58,674
August,	51,667	57,916	55,419	52,540	58,862
September,	109,540	112,425	119,971	116,212	121,252
October,	121,230	130,107	127,308	135,433	141,907
November,	114,381	119,721	118,993	125,236	131,250
December,	101,088	100,998	92,615	100,364	114,252
Totals,	1,085,522	1,170,155	1,172,377	1,201,829	1,277,751

Loss, 1st quarter, 10,857

Gain, 3d quarter, 18,347

Gain, 2d quarter, 42,056

Gain, 4th quarter, 26,376

Net Gain, 75,922

APPENDIX D.

Grammar School Libraries.

School.	Street.	Libraries.	Books.	Circulation.
3	Perry,	8	300	4,858
5	Seneca,	12	502	5,235
6	South Division,	17	720	7,655
7	South Bailey,	21	870	10,086
9	Bailey,	33	1,430	18,749
10	Delaware,	9	400	4,472
13	Oak,	13	584	4,451
14	Franklin,	9	400	3,363
15	Oak and Burton,	17	725	8,119
17	Main,	22	960	12,948
18	School,	24	1,030	13,418
19	West,	25	1,075	9,421
20	Amherst,	12	540	4,552
21	Hertel,	8	355	2,714
22	Huntington,	10	425	3,245
23	East Delavan,	11	460	5,671
24	Fillmore,	33	1,450	21,049
25	Lewis,	13	555	5,691
26	Milton,	22	969	7,671
27	Mineral Springs,	20	885	9,145
28	Abbott Road,	19	815	9,485
33	Elk,	16	685	6,474
36	Day's Park,	12	510	4,114
37	Carlton,	25	1,105	9,701
39	High,	29	1,240	13,199
43	Lovejoy,	28	1,262	21,642
44	Broadway,	31	1,285	19,422
47	Hickory,	16	690	8,404
49	Vermont,	11	490	5,466
50	Eagle,	12	510	9,554
51	Hertel and Guernsey,	17	725	7,856
52	Bird,	26	1,116	16,900
53	Winslow,	25	1,075	16,177
55	Guilford,	24	1,005	11,234
56	Elmwood,	18	800	7,360
58	Rother,	28	1,135	15,523
59	Glenwood,	19	815	8,601
60	Ontario,	17	730	7,676
Practice,	Normal,	9	400	3,178
Totals,		721	31,028	363,979

School library year, nine months.

APPENDIX E.

Traveling Libraries.

CLUBS.

Graduates' Association Buffalo Sem-			
inary,	Dec. 12,	Literature, . . .	51
Graduates' Association Buffalo Sem-			
inary,	Nov. 1,	Literature, . . .	29
Highland Park Literary Club, . .	Oct. 4,	Orient,	9
St. Paul's Parish House, Mothers'			
Club,	Jan. 14,	Fiction,	60
St. Paul's Parish House, Mothers'			
Club,	Nov. 13,	General,	50
Sons and Daughters of Zion, . . .	Mar. 6,	Jewish Literature,	58
Mothers' Club, Women's Union, .	Nov. 4,	Economics, . . .	17
Y. M. C. A.—Genesee St. Dept.,			
Boys' Club,	Jan. 18,	Fiction,	50
Catholic Workingmen's Association,	Nov. 13,	General,	110
Catholic Workingmen's Association,	Feb. 4,	General,	13
Catholic Workingmen's Association,	Jan. 29,	German,	15
Catholic Workingmen's Association,	Feb. 27,	German,	21
Catholic Workingmen's Association,			
M. Wagner, 254 Sherman St., .	Oct. 19,	General,	145
Young Men's Sodality (Church of			
Seven Dolors), 20 Rich St., . .	Jan. 2,	General,	40
Young Men's Sodality Club, 20			
Rich St.,	Mar. 21,	Arts,	10
Young Men's Sodality Club, 20			
Rich St.,	Apr. 19,	Fiction,	40
Young Men's Sodality Club, 20			
Rich St.,	Oct. 4,	General,	50
St. Mary Magdalen Sodality, 86			
Box St.,	Dec. 19,	General,	52
Canisius College, Father Keel, . .	Sept. 16,	Natural History, .	2
Canisius College, Father La Farge,	Sept. 11,	Literature, . . .	12
Canisius College, Mr. Bapst, . . .	Dec. 15,	Education, . . .	5
Canisius Villa, Mr. De Hammer, .	Oct. 3,	General,	50
Canisius College, Mr. Bapst, . . .	Sept. 28,	Philosophy, . . .	16

FACTORIES.

Burt's Box Factory,	Jan. 24,	General,	200
Burt's Box Factory,	July 26,	General,	201
Larkin Co.,	July 11,	General,	250
Larkin Co.,	Oct. 8,	General,	408

HIGH SCHOOLS AND NORMAL.

Lafayette High School, Miss Davis,	Mar. 12,	General,	12
Lafayette High School, Mr. Shirk,	Apr. 5,	Immigration,	5
Masten Park High School, Miss Faber,	Oct. 14,	History,	18
Masten Park High School, Mrs. Ryerson,	Jan. 14,	Roman History,	9
Masten Park High School, Mrs. Stickney,	Jan. 4,	Roman History,	21
Masten Park High School, Mrs. Stickney,	Sept. 18,	History,	49
Masten Park High School, Dr. Trant,	Apr. 5,	Psychology,	32
Buffalo Normal School, Miss Dunston,	Feb. 4,	American History,	9
Buffalo Normal School, Miss Dunston,	Apr. 4,	History,	6
Buffalo Normal School, Miss Dunston,	Sept. 16,	American History,	43

SCHOOLS — PAROCHIAL.

Academy of Sacred Heart,	Jan. 29,	General,	40
Academy of Sacred Heart, Sister Paula,	Sept. 20,	General,	50
Holy Angels' Academy, Sister Ignatius,	Sept. 26,	History,	19
Holy Angels' Academy, Sister Imelda,	Sept. 26,	Hist. and Literature,	12
Holy Angels' Academy, Sister M. Agnes,	Sept. 26,	Chemistry,	42
Holy Angels' Academy, Sister Margaret,	Sept. 26,	Physical Geography,	5
Holy Angels' Academy, Sister Vincent,	Sept. 26,	General,	14
St. Agnes School,	Jan. 14,	General,	100

St. Agnes School, Sister Raymond,	Sept. 20,	General,	. . . . .	50
St. Francis Xavier School,	Dec. 16,	General,	. . . . .	44
St. Joachim's School,	Nov. 5,	General,	. . . . .	18
St. Joseph's School, Mr. T. Uhl, .	Mar. 22,	General,	. . . . .	26
St. Michael's School, Sister M. Alphonsia,	July 17,	General,	. . . . .	69
St. Michael's School, Sister Leonie,	Jan. 18,	General,	. . . . .	4
St. Michael's School, Sister Leonie,	Feb. 13,	General,	. . . . .	23
St. Michael's School, Sister Leonie,	Feb. 27,	General,	. . . . .	15
St. Vincent's School, Father Anstett,	Mar. 29,	General,	. . . . .	21
St. Vincent's School, Father Anstett,	Sept. 30,	General,	. . . . .	192

SCHOOLS — PRIVATE.

Elmwood School, Miss Underwood,	Sept. 25,	Ancient History,	. . . . .	5
Elmwood School, Miss Underwood,	Oct. 14,	History,	. . . . .	9
Nichols School, Mr. Southworth, .	Nov. 1,	Literature,	. . . . .	12
St. Margaret's School, Miss Britton,	Sept. 30,	History,	. . . . .	6
St. Margaret's School, Miss Clark, .	Jan. 30,	English Literature,	. . . . .	4
St. Margaret's School, Miss Clark, .	Mar. 6,	Literature,	. . . . .	3
St. Margaret's School, Miss Clark, .	Apr. 30,	Art,	. . . . .	4
St. Margaret's School, Miss Clark, .	Sept. 23,	Literature,	. . . . .	13
St. Margaret's School, Miss Clark, .	Oct. 31,	Literature,	. . . . .	23
St. Margaret's School, Miss Dixon,	Oct. 31,	Useful Arts,	. . . . .	5
St. Margaret's School, Miss Favily,	Mar. 8,	General,	. . . . .	6
St. Margaret's School, Miss Raiguel,	Mar. 6,	Natural History,	. . . . .	19
St. Margaret's School, Miss Raiguel,	Jan. 30,	Natural History,	. . . . .	11
St. Margaret's School, Miss Taylor,	Mar. 6,	Literature,	. . . . .	8
St. Margaret's School, Miss Taylor,	Sept. 30,	Fiction,	. . . . .	3
St. Margaret's School, Mrs. Van Winkle,	Oct. 1,	History,	. . . . .	30
St. Margaret's School, Miss Warren,	Jan. 30,	Travel,	. . . . .	14
St. Margaret's School, Miss Warren,	Mar. 6,	Travel,	. . . . .	9
St. Margaret's School, Miss Warren,	Mar. 15,	Travel,	. . . . .	5
St. Margaret's School, Miss Warren,	Apr. 9,	Travel,	. . . . .	10
St. Margaret's School, Miss Warren,	May 7,	Travel,	. . . . .	8
St. Margaret's School, Miss Warren,	Sept. 23,	Fine Arts,	. . . . .	11
St. Margaret's School, Miss Warren,	Oct. 31,	Fine Arts,	. . . . .	5
St. Margaret's School, Teachers' libraries,	Dec. 23,	General,	. . . . .	71

SCHOOLS — PUBLIC.

School No. 1, Miss Dorr,	Oct. 10,	Picture Books, . . .	25
School No. 1, Miss Neal,	Mar. 9,	Picture Books, . . .	20
School No. 1, Miss Neal,	Nov. 19,	Picture Books, . . .	18
School No. 2, Mrs. Hartmann, . .	Oct. 10,	Picture Books, . . .	25
School No. 10, Mr. Alvord,	Sept. 13,	Literature,	16
School No. 16, Miss Bauman, . . .	Jan. 29,	U. S. History, . . .	15
School No. 16, Miss Erb,	Nov. 29,	U. S. History, . . .	5
School No. 16, Miss Kavanagh, . .	Sept. 20,	General,	10
School No. 20, Mr. Shepard,	Jan. 31,	Pedagogy,	3
School No. 26, Teachers' library, .	Apr. 17,	Fiction,	40
School No. 26, Mr. Adams,	Oct. 1,	General,	25
School No. 26, Teachers' library, .	Dec. 6,	General,	27
School No. 29, Miss Boardman, . .	Sept. 20,	General,	25
School No. 29, Grade 9,	May 2,	Literature,	9
School No. 31, Miss Chambers, . .	Sept. 20,	American History, .	10
School No. 31, Miss Chandler, . .	Sept. 2,	General,	30
School No. 31, Miss Potter,	Sept. 19,	General,	19
School No. 34, Miss Andrews, . . .	Dec. 10,	Picture Books, . . .	25
School No. 35, Mr. Goldsmith, . . .	Sept. 25,	Biography,	3
School No. 35, Miss O'Connor, . .	July 11,	Music,	4
School No. 38, Mr. Goldsmith, . . .	Nov. 1,	General,	160
School No. 40, Miss Kreinheder, . .	Nov. 18,	Picture Books, . . .	25
School No. 42, Miss Ellis,	Sept. 20,	General,	35
School No. 43, Mothers' Club, . . .	Dec. 1,	General,	40
School No. 43, Neighborhood Li- brary,	Oct. 17,	General,	196
School No. 43, Neighborhood Li- brary,	July 8,	General,	50
School No. 43, Neighborhood Li- brary,	Nov. 11,	General,	110
School No. 53, Miss McClellan, . .	May 6,	General,	14
School No. 56, Mr. Moyer,	May 11,	Fine Arts,	5
School No. 59, Miss Bredel,	Mar. 8,	German,	40
School No. 59, Mr. Morey,	Jan. 18,	Literature,	8
School No. 59, Miss Bredel,	Oct. 22,	General,	34
School No. 62, Mr. Penfold,	Oct. 22,	General,	150
Truant School,	Jan. 14,	General,	40
Truant School,	May 10,	General,	46
Truant School,	Sept. 28,	General,	14
Truant School,	Oct. 12,	General,	14

SETTLEMENT HOUSES.

Mortimer House, Dr. Gleason, . . .	May 16,	General,	75
Remington House, Miss Chandler, . . .	Apr. 15,	General,	27
Watson House, Miss Fraser, . . .	Mar. 25,	Cookery,	6
Welcome Hall, Miss Gannett, . . .	May 3,	Useful Arts, . . .	3
Zion House, Miss Seldner,	Dec. 23,	General,	100
Zion House, Miss Seldner,	July 10,	General,	50

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

East Presbyterian S. S.,	May 18,	Fiction,	25
First United Presbyterian S. S., . . .	June 12,	General,	75
Lebanon Y. P. S. C. E.,	Mar. 9,	General,	75
Lebanon Y. P. S. C. E.,	Oct. 4,	General,	75
Maple Street Church,	May 16,	General,	80
Park Presbyterian S. S.,	Apr. 5,	General,	50
Parkside Baptist S. S.,	Dec. 12,	General,	50
St. Peter's Church, Rev. A. H. Beatty,	July 10,	General,	50

MISCELLANEOUS.

Mr. H. A. Allison,	Nov. 4,	Useful Arts, . . .	4
Mrs. W. A. Angus,	July 5,	Fiction,	31
Asbury Church, Mr. Reikley, . . .	July 23,	Music,	16
Mrs. Thomas B. Berry,	Feb. 1,	Missions,	7
Church Home,	Nov. 11,	Kindergarten, . .	2
Mr. Harry J. Fellows,	Oct. 8,	Music,	97
Fire Libraries,	Apr. 23,	General,	866
First Italian Baptist Church, . . .	Feb. 5,	Italian,	12
Mr. Goldberg,	June 29,	Music,	60
Mr. Goldberg,	May 9,	Music,	170
Kindergarten Training School, Miss Elder,	Feb. 16,	Child Study, . . .	35
Kindergarten Training School, Miss Elder,	Nov. 23,	Pedagogy,	5
Rev. P. A. McDonald,	Jan. 31,	Bible Study, . . .	10
Police Station, No. 9,	Feb. 27,	General,	25
Police Station, No. 9,	Oct. 1,	Fiction,	25
Police Station, No. 11,	Feb. 27,	General,	25
Mr. S. R. Racklyeft,	Oct. 12,	Music,	16
Mr. Sheehan,	July 19,	Music,	31
Miss Annie Taylor,	June 21,	General,	8
Mr. Daniel Upton, Boys' Camp, . .	June 29,	General,	50

HOSPITALS.

Children's Hospital, Miss DeCue, .	Mar. 6,	General,	24
Children's Hospital,	Oct. 19,	General,	26
Erie County Hospital,	Jan. 14,	General,	50
Erie County Hospital,	Aug. 20,	General,	51
Woman's Hospital,	May 21,	Fiction,	25
Total—Books sent out,			6,943
Libraries,			155
Circulation,			18,477

Firemen's Libraries.

Engine No. 2,	24
“ “ 3 and Truck No. 3,	24
“ “ 4,	24
“ “ 5,	24
“ “ 6,	24
“ “ 8,	24
“ “ 11,	24
“ “ 12,	24
“ “ 14,	24
“ “ 15,	24
“ “ 16,	24
“ “ 17,	24
“ “ 18,	24
“ “ 19,	24
“ “ 20,	24
“ “ 21 and Truck No. 6,	24
“ “ 22,	24
“ “ 23,	24
“ “ 24,	24
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APPENDIX F.

[*w*, weekly ; *f*, fortnightly ; *m*, monthly ; *bi-m*, bi-monthly ; *q*, quarterly.]*Periodicals*

- *Academe, *f*.
 Academy, *w*.
 *Academy Notes, *m*.
 American Antiquarian, *bi-m*.
 American Architect, International ed., *w*.
 American Catholic Review, *q*.
 American Chemical Journal, *m*.
 American Economic Association, Papers, *irregular*.
 *American Esperanto Journal, *m*.
 American Historical Review, *q*.
 American Homes and Gardens, *m*.
 American Institute of Electrical Engineers, Proceedings, *m*.
 American Journal of Archæology, *q*.
 American Journal of Mathematics, *q*.
 American Journal of Nursing, *m*.
 American Journal of Philology, *irregular*.
 American Journal of Psychology, *q*.
 American Journal of Science, *m*.
 American Journal of Sociology, *bi-m*.
 American Machinist, *w*.
 American Monthly Magazine, *m*.
 American Monthly Review of Reviews, *m*.
 *American Museum Journal, *m*.
 American Naturalist, *m*.
 American Political Science Review, *q*.
 American Statistical Association, Quarterly Publications, *q*.
 American Stock Keeper, *w*.
 Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science, *bi-m*.
 *Annals of the Propagation of the Faith, *bi-m*.
 Antiquary, *m*.
 Architects' and Builders' Magazine, *m*.
 Architectural Record, *m*.
 Architectural Review, *m*.
 Arena, *m*.
 Army and Navy Journal, *w*.
 Army and Navy Life, *m*.
 Art Journal, *m*.
 *Association Men, *m*.
 *Association Review, *q*.
 Athenæum, *w*.
 Atlantic Monthly, *m*.
 Auk, *q*.
 *Automobile Topics, *w*.
 Babyhood, *m*.
 Bankers' Magazine, *m*.
 Benziger's Magazine, *m*.
 *Berkshire Industrial Farm Record, *m*.
 *Berean, *m*.
 Biblical World, *m*.
 Biblioteka Warszawska, *m*.
 Biesiada Literacka, *w*.
 *Billboard, *w*.
 Bird-Lore, *bi-m*.
 Birds and Nature Magazine, *m*.
 Black and White, *w*.
 Blackwood's Magazine, *m*.
 Bluszcz, *w*.

- *Board of Trade Journal (Harrisburg), *m.*
- *Board of Trade Journal (Scranton), *m.*¹
- *Book Buyer, *m.*
- Book News, *m.*
- Book Review Digest, *m.*
- Bookman, *m.*
- *Boston Alaskan, *m.*
- *Boston Museum of Fine Arts, Bulletin, *m.*
- *Brass Buttons, *m.*
- Brick Builder, *m.*
- Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Sciences, Museum News, *m.*
- Buffalo Herald, *w.*
- *Buffalo Medical Journal, *m.*
- *Bulletin of Bibliography, *irregular.*
- *Buffalo Society of Natural Sciences, Bulletin, *irregular.*
- Bulletin of the American Geographical Society, *irregular.*
- *Calendar, *m.*
- Canadian Magazine, *m.*
- Cassier's Magazine, *m.*
- *Cat Journal, *m.*
- *Cat Review, *m.*
- *Catholic Missions, *bi-m.*
- Catholic University Bulletin, *q.*
- Catholic World, *m.*
- Century, *m.*
- *Century Path, *w.*
- Chambers's Journal, *m.*
- Charities, *w.*
- Chautauquan, *m.*
- *Christian Science Journal, *m.*
- Christian Work and Evangelist, *w.*
- Churchman, *w.*
- Citizen, *m.*
- *College Folio, *m.*
- Collier's Weekly, *w.*
- *Comercio, El, *m.*
- *Commoner, *m.*
- *Concrete, *m.*
- Contemporary Review, *m.*
- *Cook's American Traveller's Gazette, *m.*
- *Copper and Brass, *m.*
- *Cornell Countryman, *m.*
- Cornhill Magazine, *m.*
- Cosmopolitan, *m.*
- Country Life in America, *m.*
- Craftsman, *m.*
- *Crop Reporter, *m.*
- Current Literature, *m.*
- Deutsche Literaturzeitung, *w.*
- Deutsche Rundschau, *m.*
- Dial, *f.*
- *Dietetic and Hygienic Gazette, *m.*
- *Dog Fancier, *m.*
- Dublin Review, *q.*
- Economic Journal, *q.*
- Economist, *w.*
- Edinburgh Review, *q.*
- Education, *m.*
- Educational Review, *m.*
- Electrical Review, *w.*
- Electrical World, *w.*
- Engineering, *w.*
- Engineering and Mining Journal, *w.*
- Engineering Magazine, *m.*
- Engineering News, *w.*
- Engineering Record, *w.*
- English Historical Review, *q.*
- English Illustrated Magazine, *m.*
- Essex Antiquarian, *q.*
- Etude, *m.*

¹Gift.

- Everybody's Magazine, *m.*
 *Exponent, *m.*
 Field and Fancy, *w.*
 *Flaming Sword, *m.*
 Forestry and Irrigation, *m.*
 Fortnightly Review, *m.*
 Forum, *q.*
 *Fraternal Monitor, *m.*
 Garden Magazine, *m.*
 Gartenlaube, *f.*
 Gentleman's Magazine, *m.*
 Geographical Journal, *m.*
 Geological Magazine, *m.*
 *Glocke, Die, *m.*
 Good Government, *m.*
 *Gospel Trumpet, *w.*
 Graphic, *w.*
 Harper's Bazar, *m.*
 Harper's Monthly, *m.*
 Harper's Weekly, *w.*
 *Hartford Seminary Record, *q.*
 *Health Department Monthly Report, *m.*
 *Herald of the Cross, *m.*
 *Herald of the Golden Age, *q.*
 *Hobart Bulletin, *q.*
 *Holy Cross Magazine, *m.*
 *Hospital Topics, *m.*
 *Housekeeper, *m.*
 Illustrated London News, *w.*
 Illustration, L', *w.*
 Illustrierte Zeitung, *w.*
 Independent, *w.*
 *Indian's Friend, *m.*
 Inland Architect, *m.*
 International Journal of Ethics, *q.*
 International Studio, *m.*
 *Iron Age, *w.*
 *Iron Trade Review, *w.*
 *Johns Hopkins University Circulars, *irregular.*
 Johns Hopkins University Studies in Historical and Political Science, *numbered series.*
 Journal of America Folk Lore, *q.*
 Journal of American History, *q.*
 Journal of Biblical Literature, *irregular.*
 Journal of Education, *w.*
 Journal of Geology, *m.*
 Journal of Political Economy, *m.*
 Journal of the American Chemical Society, *m.*
 *Journal of the Association of Engineering Societies, *m.*
 Journal of the Franklin Institute, *m.*
 Journal of the Institution of Electrical Engineers, *irregular.*
 Journal of the Royal Statistical Society, *q.*
 Journal of the Society of Chemical Industry, *f.*
 Journal of the Western Society of Engineers, *bi-m.*
 *Journal of Zoophily, *m.*
 Judge, *w.*
 Keramic Studio, *m.*
 Kindergarten Magazine, *m.*
 Knowledge, *m.*
 Ksiakzka, *m.*
 Ladies' Home Journal, *m.*
 *Ladies' Review, *m.*
 *Lafayette Oracle, *q.*
 *Le Couteulx Leader, *w.*
 Library Index, *m.*
 Library Journal, *m.*
 Library World, *m.*
 Life, *w.*
 *Light, *m.*
 Lippincott's Magazine, *m.*
 Literarische Echo, Das, *f.*

- Literarischer Handweiser, *f*.
 Literary Digest, *w*.
 Littell's Living Age, *w*.
 Little Folks, *m*.
 *Louisiana Planter, *w*.
 McClure's Magazine, *m*.
 Magazine of History, *m*.
 Manual Training Magazine, *q*.
 *Massachusetts, Labor Bulletin, *m*.
 *Masten Park Chronicle, *q*.
 *Matilda Ziegler Magazine, Braille Edition, *m*.
 *Matilda Ziegler Magazine, New York Point edition, *m*.
 Memorial de la Librairie Française, *w*.
 *Men of Buffalo, *m*.
 *Merchants' Association Review, *m*.
 *Metal Industry, *m*.
 *Military Surgeon, *m*.
 Mind, *q*.
 *Mines and Minerals, *m*.
 Missionary Review, *m*.
 Modern Language Association of America, Publications, *q*.
 Monist, *q*.
 *Monthly Bulletin of the Bureau of American Republics, *m*.
 Monthly Cumulative Book Index, *m*.
 Monthly Gazette of English Literature, *m*.
 *Moody's Magazine, *m*.
 Motor Boat, *f*.
 Municipal Engineering, *m*.
 Munsey's Magazine, *m*.
 *Mutual Underwriter, *m*.
 Nation, *w*.
 National Geographic Magazine, *m*.
 National Review, *m*.
 Nature, *w*.
 *Nebraska Agricultural Experiment Station, Bulletin, *numbered series*.
 New England Historical and Genealogical Register, *q*.
 New England Magazine, *m*.
 New York, Monthly Bulletin of State Department of Health, *m*.
 New York Genealogical and Biographical Record, *q*.
 *New York Magazine of Mysteries, *m*.
 Nineteenth Century, *m*.
 North American Review, *m*.
 Notes and Queries, *w*.
 *Official Gazette of the U. S. Patent Office, *w*.
 Official Railway Guide, *m*.
 *Olde Ulster, *m*.
 Open Court, *m*.
 *Our Record, *m*.
 Outing, *m*.
 Outlook, *w*.
 Outlook for the Blind, *q*.
 Overland Monthly, *m*.
 *Pacific Northwest, *m*.
 Pall Mall Magazine, *m*.
 Pedagogical Seminary, *q*.
 Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography, *q*.
 Petermanns Mitteilungen, *m*.
 Petermanns Mitteilungen Ergänzungsheft, *numbered series*.
 Philistine, *m*.
 Philosophical Magazine, *m*.
 Philosophical Review, *bi-m*.
 *Phonetic Journal, *w*.
 *Pitman's Journal, *m*.

- Political Science Quarterly, *q*.
 Popular Astronomy, *m*.
 Popular Science Monthly, *m*.
 *Postal Record, *m*.
 Power, *m*.
 Printer's Ink, *w*.
 *Psychological Bulletin, *m*.
 Psychological Review, *bi-m*.
 *Public, The, *w*.
 Public Libraries, *m*.
 Publishers' Weekly, *w*.
 Puck, *w*.
 Punch, *w*.
 Putnam's Monthly, *m*.
 Quarterly Journal of Economics, *q*.
 Quarterly Review, *q*.
 Railway and Locomotive Engineering, *m*.
 Readers' Guide to Periodical Literature, *m*.
 Records of the American Catholic Historical Society, *q*.
 Records of the Past, *m*.
 Review of Reviews (English edition), *m*.
 Revue des Deux Mondes, *f*.
 St. Nicholas, *m*.
 Saturday Evening Post, *w*.
 Saturday Review, *w*.
 School Review, *m*.
 Science, *w*.
 Science Abstracts, *m*.
 Scientific American, *w*.
 Scientific American Supplement, *w*.
 Scottish Geographical Magazine, *m*.
 Scribner's Magazine, *m*.
 *Search-light, *m*.
 *Signs of the Times, *w*.
 *Single Tax Review, *q*.
 Society for Psychical Research, Proceedings, *irregular*.
 *Southern Farm Gazette, *f*.
 *Southern History Association, Publications, *irregular*.
 *Special Consular Reports, *numbered series*.
 Spectator, *w*.
 Strand, *m*.
 Sunday School Times, *w*.
 Technical Literature, *m*.
 Technical World, *m*.
 *Technology Review, *q*.
 Theosophical Review, *m*.
 Thoresby Society, Publications, *numbered series*.
 Trained Nurse, *m*.
 *Triumphs of Faith, *m*.
 Truth, *w*.
 Tygodnik Illustrowny, *w*.
 *Typographical Journal, *m*.
 Ueber Land und Meer, *w*.
 *U. S. Consular Reports, *m*.
 *U. S. Department of Agriculture, Climate and Crop Service, New York, *m*.
 *U. S. Department of Agriculture, Climate and Crop Service, West Virginia, *m*.
 *U. S. Labor Bureau, Bulletin, *bi-m*.
 *U. S. Monthly Weather Review, *m*.
 U. S. Naval Institute, Proceedings, *q*.
 *U. S. Philippine Weather Bureau, Bulletin, *m*.
 U. S. Postal Guide, *m*.
 *U. S. Statistics, Bureau of, Monthly Summary of Commerce and Finance, *m*.

*University of Illinois, Bulletin, <i>bi-m.</i>	Westminster Review, <i>m.</i>
Vom Fels zum Meer, <i>f.</i>	World's Work, <i>m.</i>
Westermanns Monatshefte, <i>m.</i>	Yale Review, <i>q.</i>
<hr/> *Gift.	Youth's Companion, <i>w.</i>
	*Zion's Watch Tower, <i>f.</i>

SUMMARY.

Monthly,	185
Weekly,	66
Quarterly,	42
Bi-monthly,	11
Fortnightly,	11
Irregular,	10
Numbered Series,	6
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Total,	331

APPENDIX G.

Periodicals in Newspaper Room.

- Albany Journal, *d.*
 *Albuquerque Morning Journal, *d.*
 *Appeal to Reason, *w.*
 *Arbetaran, *w.*
 Atlanta Constitution, *d.* and *s.*
 Baltimore American, *d.* and *s.*
 Boston Herald, *d.* and *s.*
 Boston Transcript, *d.*
 *Bostoner Nachrichten, *w.*
 Brooklyn Eagle, *d.* and *s.*
 *Buffalo Arbeiter-Zeitung, *w.*
 Buffalo Commercial, *d.*
 Buffalo Courier, *d.* and *s.*
 Buffalo Demokrat, *d.* and *s.*
 Buffalo Enquirer, *d.*
 Buffalo Express, *d.* and *s.*
 Buffalo Freie Presse, *d.*
 *Buffalo Herald, *w.*
 Buffalo News, *d.* and *s.*
 Buffalo Times, *d.* and *s.*
 Buffalo Tribune, *s.*
 Buffalo Volksfreund, *d.*
 Catholic Union and Times, *w.*
 *Cattaraugus Times, *w.*
 *Chicago Daily Socialist, *d.*
 Chicago Record-Herald, *d.* and *s.*
 Chicago Tribune, *d.* and *s.*
 *Christian Intelligencer, *w.*
 *Christian Register, *w.*
 Cincinnati Enquirer, *d.* and *s.*
 Cleveland Plain Dealer, *d.* and *s.*
 *Colorado Graphic, *w.*
 *Corriere Italiano, II, *w.*
 *Daily People, *d.*
 Denver News, *d.* and *s.*
 Detroit Free Press, *d.* and *s.*
 *Dziennik Polska, *d.*
 *Dzwon Niedzielny, *s.*
 *Erie County Independent, *w.*
 *Fairhope Courier, *w.*
 Forest and Stream, *w.*
 *Gazetta Buffaloska, *w.*
 *Gazetteer and Guide, *m.*
 Harper's Weekly, *w.*
 Illinois Staats-Zeitung, *d.*
 Illustrated London News, *w.*
 Judge, *w.*
 Kansas City Star and Times, *d.*
 and *s.*
 *Lancaster Enterprise, *w.*
 Life, *w.*
 London Times, *w.*
 Louisville Courier-Journal, *d.* and *s.*
 *Los Angeles Examiner, *d.* and *s.*
 *Los Angeles Express, *d.*
 *Los Angeles Herald, *d.* and *s.*
 Milwaukee Free Press, *d.* and *s.*
 Montreal Star, *d.*
 New Orleans Picayune, *d.* and *s.*
 New York Evening Post, *d.*
 New York Herald, *d.* and *s.*
 New York Staats-Zeitung, *d.* and *s.*
 New York Sun, *d.* and *s.*
 New York Times, *d.* and *s.*
 New York Tribune, *d.* and *s.*
 *New Yorker Volkszeitung, *d.*
 Omaha Bee, *d.* and *s.*
 Philadelphia North American, *d.*
 and *s.*
 Philadelphia Press, *d.* and *s.*
 Pittsburgh Dispatch, *d.* and *s.*
 *Progress, *w.*

*Gift.

*Proletario, Il, *w.*

Puck, *w.*

*Resveglio, Il, *w.*

Rochester Democrat and Chronicle, *d.* and *s.*

Rochester Post-Express, *d.*

Rural New Yorker, *w.*

St. Louis Globe Democrat, *d.* and *s.*

St. Paul Pioneer Press, *d.* and *s.*

*San Diego (Cal.) News, *w.*

San Francisco Chronicle, *d.* and *s.*

*School, *w.*

Scranton Republican, *d.*

*Socialistische Arbeiter - Zeitung,
w.

*Gift.

*Socialist Review, *m.*

Springfield Republican, *d.* and *s.*

*Springville Journal and Herald, *d.*

Syracuse Post-Standard, *d.*

Toledo Blade, *d.*

Toronto Globe, *d.*

*Trades Union Herald, *w.*

Utica Press, *d.*

*Vart Land, *w.*

Vorwärts, *w.*

Washington Post, *d.* and *s.*

*Weekly People, *w.*

Westen, Der, *w.*

*Westfield Republican, *w.*

*Worker, The, *w.*

APPENDIX H.

Delivery Stations.

B.—Keller & Deuchler's Drug Store, 757 Seneca Street.

A. J. KELLER, *Keeper.*

C.—Lemon's Pharmacy, 897 Tonawanda Street.

W. E. LEMON, *Keeper.*

D.—Forest Avenue Pharmacy, 72 Forest Avenue.

ELLIS T. LATHBURY, *Keeper.*

E.—Insurance Office, 54 Amherst Street.

CHARLES W. BOSTON, *Keeper.*

F.—Hermann's News Store, 2648 Main Street.

JOHN F. HERMANN, *Keeper.*

G.—Hodson's Drug Store, Seneca and Elk Streets.

E. W. HODSON, *Keeper.*

H.—Krummell's News Store, 2340 Seneca Street.

W. L. KRUMMELL, *Keeper.*

APPENDIX K.

STAFF.

GENERAL.

Walter L. Brown, *Librarian.*
 Mrs. H. L. Elmendorf, *Vice-Librarian.*
 Mrs. Bertrice S. Fulton, *Sup't Circulating Department.*
 Margaret Bruce McCabe, *Sup't Foreign Literature and
 Open Shelf Room.*
 William P. Reed, *Treasurer.*
 Ella B. Gartland, *Stenographer.*

CATALOGUE DEPARTMENT.

Ellen M. Chandler, <i>Head,</i>	Eleanor E. Hawkins,
Mary J. Briggs,	Ada L. Palmer,
Ella G. Christey,	Emma A. Meyer.

ORDER AND ACCESSION DEPARTMENT.

Emily S. Coit, <i>Head,</i>	Pauline D. Lansing.
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BINDERY, RECORDS AND FINISHING.

Harriet E. Provoost, <i>Head,</i>	May Purdy,
Isabelle Meyers,	Mildred Schottin.

REFERENCE DEPARTMENT.

Frederick J. Shepard, <i>Head,</i>	James P. Fowler.
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CIRCULATING DEPARTMENT.

Harriet A. Beach, <i>Head,</i>	Celia Lewis,
Elizabeth A. Burt,	Emma G. O'Leary,
Etta M. Campbell,	Charlotte M. Parsons,
Mabel K. Eddy,	Edith E. Roos,
Caroline M. Galligan,	M. Elizabeth Schanzlin,
Harriet J. Griggs,	Blanche M. Tate,
Edith M. Hamilton,	William M. Wallace.
Grace Huffner,	Marinda S. White,
Raymond O'Hara,	Nellie A. Whitman.

Jessie H. Cole, Fines and Reserve Books.

CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT.

May Masee, <i>Head</i> ,	Hannah M. Lawrence,
Marion Humble,	Alice M. Smith,
Clarence Dichel, <i>Page</i> .	

SCHOOLS, BRANCHES AND STATIONS.

Harry N. Parsons, *Head*.

Schools :

Mabel L. Rushworth,
Russell J. Forbes,
Walter Szczepanski.

Joseph P. Dudley Branch :

Mary L. Forbes, in charge,
Helen M. Carroll,
Harry Crawford.

William Ives Branch :

Mary E. Standbridge, in charge,
Mrs. Josepha Kudlicka,
Felix A. Oskowski,
Leo J. Rozan.

Lafayette Branch :

Charlotte E. Coit, in charge,
Bruce A. Gibson,
Myron S. Short,

Stations : Mary E. Blossom, in charge.

REGISTRY DEPARTMENT.

Helen Spencer, <i>Head</i> ,	Harry O'Connor.
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PERIODICAL DEPARTMENT.

Mrs. Stella B. Ransom, <i>Head</i> ,	Rose E. Chamberlin.
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NEWSPAPER DEPARTMENT.

Sara P. Sheldon, <i>Head</i> ,	Charles Thries.
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SHELF DEPARTMENT.

Robert Ramsey, <i>Head</i> ,	Raymond Pongo,
Louis Pohlman,	Harold M. Pritchard,
LeRoy Clabeaux,	Earl Seelbach,
Wellington Hunt,	Albert Stebler,
Edwin Kappenmann,	Wesley Watson.

ENGINEER AND JANITOR.

Royal C. Wallace.

Two Assistants.

Six Women.

CHECK ROOM.

Charles E. Fulton.

ELEVATOR.

John Hickey.

SPECIAL OFFICER.

Madison E. Grantier.

LIBRARY DEPARTMENTS AND HOURS.

READING AND PERIODICAL ROOMS.

Week Days, 9 A. M. to 9 P. M.
Sundays and holidays, 11 A. M. to 9 P. M.

CIRCULATING DEPARTMENT.

Every day except Sundays and holidays, 9 A. M. to 9 P. M.

NEWSPAPER ROOM.

Week days, 8.30 A. M. to 9 P. M.

CHILDREN'S ROOM.

Monday to Friday, 2.30 P. M. to 6 P. M.
Saturdays and during school vacations, 9 A. M. to 6 P. M.

WILLIAM IVES BRANCH, 746 Broadway.

Week days, 2 P. M. to 9 P. M.

JOSEPH P. DUDLEY BRANCH, 503 South Park Avenue.

Week days, 2 P. M. to 9 P. M.

LAFAYETTE BRANCH, Lafayette High School.

For pupils of the school, During school hours.
For general public 2 P. M. to 5 P. M.

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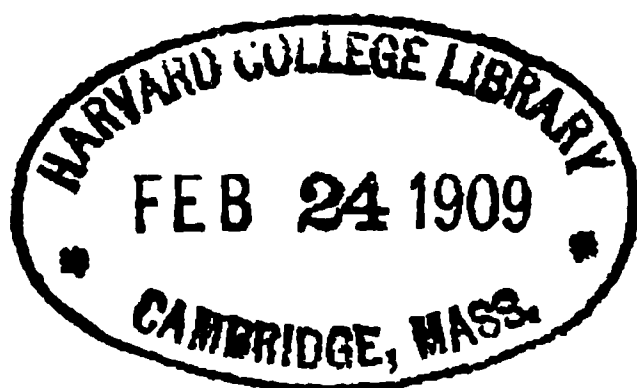
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BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

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REPRESENTATIVES OF THE BUFFALO LIBRARY.

THOMAS T. RAMSDELL,	term expires	1909.
CHARLES P. NORTON,	" "	1910.
HOWARD H. BAKER,	" "	1911.
WALTER P. COOKE,	" "	1912.
GEORGE L. WILLIAMS,	" "	1913.

REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CITY OF BUFFALO.

EX-OFFICIO:

<i>The Mayor,</i>	JAMES N. ADAM.
<i>The Corporation Counsel,</i>	LOUIS E. DESBECKER.
<i>The Superintendent of Education,</i>	HENRY P. EMERSON.

APPOINTED BY THE MAYOR:

NATHANIEL W. NORTON, term expires 1910.
EDWIN G. S. MILLER, term expires 1912.

OFFICERS.

<i>President,</i>	THOMAS T. RAMSDELL.
<i>Vice-President,</i>	WALTER P. COOKE.
<i>Treasurer,</i>	WILLIAM P. REED.
<i>Secretary,</i>	WALTER L. BROWN.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

HOWARD H. BAKER, *Chairman.*
THOMAS T. RAMSDELL, *Ex-officio.*
WALTER P. COOKE, *Ex-officio.*
NATHANIEL W. NORTON.
EDWIN G. S. MILLER.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

To the Honorable the Common Council of the City of Buffalo :

GENTLEMEN,—I have the honor to present to you the annual report of the Buffalo Public Library for the year 1908.

This includes the report of the Librarian, Mr. Walter L. Brown, to the Board of Directors, and that of the Treasurer, Mr. William P. Reed, which is accompanied by an expert accountant's certificate of audit. These the Board of Directors has adopted and submits as its report.

I urge careful consideration of the report, as I believe that it must assure you of the continued usefulness of the Library, as well as serve to convince you of the demand being felt for the extension of its work.

While the circulation of books has gone beyond what we believed possible with its present income—it having reached the high figure of 1,401,839 in 1908—yet we must recognize the fact that such use exhausts the book supply, and the urgent necessity of its being more liberally replenished.

Our needs are much the same as those expressed in the last report—more books and additional means for their distribution to meet the requests of the people of the city for better library facilities.

Anyone familiar with the work of the Public Library, conducted as it is in such an economical manner as to get unusual results from its expenditure, must feel that the city is neglecting a great opportunity in not giving it more liberal support.

The city believes in making all necessary expenditures for its public schools ; it believes in spending money liberally for its parks for the recreation of its citizens ; but it hesitates, as yet, when it comes to the appropriation for Library purposes.

The best insurance of the proper use of the education you are giving the children in the schools is the Library, and it is the only means of education you offer to the larger number who are beyond the school age. It is doing much to help those engaged in the various industries, and is visited by many more for recreation than the parks.

While 25 per cent. of the people in Buffalo are using the Library, and many others are in touch with it through them, there are many more to whom you do not allow its benefits.

To grant twice or three times the amount of the present appropriation to the Library would not be more than is done in other cities for the same purpose.

We only ask, however, that the work may be allowed to gradually extend its activities by means of a slight increase each year, keeping pace with the growth of the city.

We, therefore, ask that you restore the percentage granted the libraries for a number of years, allowing for their use four one-hundredths of one per centum of the total assessed valuation of the property of the City of Buffalo.

(Signed) THOMAS T. RAMSDELL,
President.

For the Board of Directors of the Buffalo Public Library.

January 22, 1909.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Statement of the Treasurer of the Buffalo Public Library from
January 1, 1908, to January 1, 1909.

RECEIPTS.

Balance, January 1, 1908,	\$ 1,134.80
City of Buffalo,	88,000.00
Interest from the Buffalo Library Permanent Fund, . .	3,319.74
Interest on Bank Account,	296.33
Fines, etc.,	4,121.30
State of New York,	300.00
School Fund,	2,558.10
	<u>\$ 99,730.27</u>

EXPENDITURES.

Books,	\$ 19,853.67
Periodicals,	1,692.72
Binding,	7,054.88
Printing,	721.35
Library Supplies,	1,094.45
Fuel,	2,166.95
Light,	3,103.05
Insurance,	628.74
Building,	1,754.95
Miscellaneous,	3,422.87
Salaries: Library Employees,	42,658.16
Salaries: Building Employees,	6,167.23
Delivery Stations,	818.90
Branches,	1,534.34
Balance, January 1, 1909,	7,058.01
	<u><u>\$ 99,730.27</u></u>

(Signed) WILLIAM P. REED, *Treasurer.*

BUFFALO, January 19, 1909.

I have examined the books and vouchers of Mr. William P. Reed, Treasurer of the Buffalo Public Library, and find same correct. The examination covers the period from January 1, 1908, to January 1, 1909.

(Signed) WILLIAM D. INGERSOLL,
Accountant and Auditor.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

To the Board of Directors of the Buffalo Public Library :

GENTLEMEN,—I have the honor of presenting to you the twelfth annual report of the Buffalo Public Library.

It contains nothing sensational, but it is a record of steady increase in the use of every department of the Library and of every agency which has been established for the distribution of its books, testifying to the growing appreciation of the Library by the people of Buffalo.

The figures of circulation tell the story in part: 1,401,839 books were borrowed for home use in 1908, which was 124,008 more than in 1907, and over 200,000 more than in 1906, while there has been no increase in its agencies for distribution during that period. This increase may be in part explained by the business depression, but on the other hand, no matter what may be the reason for the first use of the Library, it is seldom given up.

We doubt if any other public institution is used by so many people of the city, or is regarded more highly as a right and privilege of citizenship. Our citizens feel rightly that it is their Library, supported by them, and we believe that in time they will see that all may benefit by it. Notwithstanding the distance many have to travel, fully 25 per cent. of the people of the city are taking its books into their homes.

You are to be congratulated upon the good feeling which exists in Buffalo toward the Public Library. It has been apparent everywhere during the past year—the only criticism we have had is the lack of Library agencies in sections of the city far from the Library center. We can but encourage this feeling, for we appreciate the justice in asking that the Library be brought nearer to them. If means were provided, we should gladly extend the work.

Attention is called to what has been done in the three small branch libraries, and we again urge the increase of such agencies. If we might open but two such branches each year for the next five years at an expense of about \$3,000 each, they would go far toward meeting the requests of our citizens.

Another possible solution, and ideal in many ways, would be to arrange for library quarters, with an outside entrance, in each new grammar school erected by the city.

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To do this would provide for the educational desires of all the residents of a neighborhood, instead of for the children only, and at the same time give the best of library service to the school.

A neighborhood library in the volunteer charge of the energetic principal of one of our largest schools has shown what can be done with such a library agency, and how much it is appreciated by the residents.

There are yet 40 per cent. of the grammar schools provided in a most meager way, or not at all, with library books, although all have urged that they be granted them.

On May 8th, with simple ceremony, there was unveiled in the vestibule of the Library building a bronze tablet commemorating the gift of the books of the German Young Men's Association to the Public Library "for the encouragement of the use of the German language."

Again we record that the largest gift of the year was from this association. Through its liberality it has been possible to publish a complete catalogue of all the books in German in the collection of the Buffalo Public Library. The association has asked that these catalogues be distributed without charge in the interest of the same object which prompted the original gift.

The net increase of the number of books in the Library is but 8,841 volumes, although 30,473 were added during the year. The wearing out of 21,148 books in a single year is a fact appalling when taken by itself, but it must be remembered that books have but short lives when in such constant use, and their wearing out must be expected. Our care must be to see that all possible means are exercised to make them last as long as possible, in order that we may have the benefit of their full value.

Our work is to circulate books, and the increasing use demands increasing expense in maintaining the supply.

The libraries were granted by the city the same amount for the present year which was allowed in 1907-1908. By reason of there having been no need of large outlay upon the building this year, it has allowed us to do somewhat more than would have been possible without this small increase of income, as we believe that the detail of expenditure will testify. The fiscal year of the city ends July 1st.

We owe much to the press of the city for its constant support, and for the generous publicity it has given to the work of the Library during the year.

The Librarian is most grateful for the confidence shown by the Board of Directors, and for the loyalty and most efficient work of the staff.

The Heads of departments presented their reports at the annual meeting of the staff, held on January 13th, and upon them the following is based.

REGISTRATION.

The registration for 1908 was 21,061 and the number of cards canceled was 16,751. 73,089 borrowers held cards in force on January 1, 1909.

A new feature of great use, even in the limited extent to which it has been carried, is a street file for names of commonest occurrence. This aids in the quick and correct identification of persons whose names are most apt to be confused in the records.

(See Appendix A.)

CONTENTS OF THE LIBRARY.

Total number of volumes in the permanent collection,	
January 1, 1908,	245,162
Additions, 1908 :	
By purchase,	28,982
By gift,	834
By binding,	529
By exchange,	11
Recovered, formerly reported as lost, .	117
Total additions,	30,473
Deductions during 1908 :	
Charged, but not returned,	259
Lost and paid for,	201
Reported lost, not yet paid for, . . .	24
Worn out, lost or withdrawn,	21,148
Total deductions,	21,632
Net additions, after all deductions,	8,841
Total number of volumes in permanent collection, . .	254,003
Duplicate collection, not catalogued, not in use, . . .	3,125
Total number of volumes, January 1, 1909,	257,128

Pamphlets,	24,905
Maps and plans,	1,930
Coast survey charts,	627
Lake survey charts,	120
Folios of Geologic Atlas, U. S. Geological Survey,	155
Sheet music,	14,548

(See Appendix B.)

CIRCULATION.

Total circulation of books for home use,	1,401,839
Increase over previous year,	124,088
Number of days circulating departments open,	307
Daily average circulation,	4,566
Per cent. of fiction, including children's stories and fiction in foreign languages,	631

(See Appendix C.)

CIRCULATING DEPARTMENTS OF THE MAIN BUILDING.

The number of books drawn in 1908, from the three circulating departments of the main building, was 763,691, which is an increase of 89,156. This figure does not include those going from the building on request from stations, to traveling libraries, to the schools, nor those sent to supplement the small collections at the branch libraries.

LOAN DESK.

The Loan desk issued 310,454 volumes. Although this is an increase of 47,004 over the figure for 1907, the work has been done expeditiously and without complaint of delay from the borrowers. This is in a measure due to the Request window, an arrangement introduced last year by which service in turn is assured. As all books taken from this desk are issued on call, the first consideration is despatch. We believe that this can be further increased by means of a new delivery desk. Methods have changed to such an extent since the present desk was designed that it now causes considerable waste of time and labor. Whatever can relieve the physical strain of desk work and better its quality, is certainly an economic gain to the library.

There has been no increase of book stacks during the year, but probably some will be required before long, as certain portions are badly crowded.

Much depends upon the care and order of the books in the stacks, and a word of commendation is due to the young men for the excellent way in which it is being done.

During the year 10,336 postal cards for reserving books were purchased. In December we offered to reserve books upon the arts and industries without charge, which we hope may be the means of better ascertaining if the demand for such books is being fully met.

(*See Appendices B and C.*)

OPEN SHELF ROOM.

There are now 9,631 titles and 20,810 volumes in the Open Shelf collection. The circulation from this room gained for the year 30,862, the total being 306,021. There has been considerable growth in the demand for books on trades and industries of various kinds, and the number of books will be increased to supply it.

A large proportion of the books in German taken from the Library goes from this room, although free access is given to the German books in the stacks.

Nearly 12,000 books were taken from the small selection of non-fiction books placed in the center of the room. Frequenters of the Open Shelf Department—those who come to the Library without any definite want—are apparently much helped by small collections of this kind, and by some slight changes we hope to make room for others.

The Open Shelf rooms are also the main reading rooms of the Library, and as such, their capacity has been taxed to overflowing during the past year.

(*See Appendices B and C.*)

CHILDREN'S ROOM.

That the Children's Room becomes more helpful and attractive is shown by its popularity. 155,000 books were borrowed from this department in 1908. This is fourteen times the number of books on its shelves. The gain over the circulation of 1907 was 11,270, and the total almost double the figure of four years ago. The fiction drawn from the Children's Room is but 55 per cent. of its circulation.

Much of the work done is not shown in these statistics—not only that with the individual children, but the help given to the older people. It is more and more visited by parents asking advice upon children's books, and like the school department, it is much used by the teachers and students of the Normal and the City training schools.

The "Story Hour" of Saturday morning is so popular that it frequently has to be repeated to the overflow audience. It is one of the regrets of the department that more of this work cannot be done in the branches and the schools. It serves to introduce the children to many of the best stories in literature and to much good poetry. They are afterwards delighted to find these stories and poems in books which become popular through this means. No story is told without the end in view of guiding the children to the pleasure of reading. It is far more than a pastime for the hour, and is legitimate library work, which should be greatly extended.

There is a need, made more apparent by the crowded rooms, which it is suggested could be met by an intermediate department, where there might be found a collection of interesting books for young people who have just outgrown the Children's Room. It is hoped that we may be able to experiment with this during the coming year.

(See Appendices B and C.)

REFERENCE DEPARTMENT.

Although other provision is made by the city for a reference library, this department continues to be greatly used. Its seating capacity is often taxed to its full limit.

Many valuable books have been added during the year, to meet demands for information made by numerous visitors and by telephone.

But a single one of the 2,642 books, which are placed upon the open shelves of the main room, is reported missing, while the mutilation of books has apparently been stopped by the arrangement of the reading tables.

The local newspaper files, which are the most complete in the city, are brought into daily use. These valuable volumes are often saved through the use of the many newspaper pamphlets which are made in the newspaper room.

PERIODICAL DEPARTMENT.

Of the 342 periodicals kept on file for current use in this room, 222 are collected and prepared for binding to be added to the permanent library. This room, like many others in the Library building, has been overcrowded at times during the past year.

(See Appendix F.)

NEWSPAPER DEPARTMENT.

Although there are calls for numerous papers not on file, their number has remained about the same as last year. The 94 daily and

weekly papers come from the sections of the country which are of most interest to Buffalo people.

Many local pamphlets, referred to elsewhere, have been made during the year by mounting cuttings from the old papers; the principal ones for 1908 being perhaps those referring to the barge canal, the University of Buffalo and another episode in local history—the Union Station.

(See Appendix G.)

ORDER DEPARTMENT.

Of the 27,956 books added to the Library last year, 26,586 were purchased, 529 were periodicals bound, 830 were gifts and 11 were added by exchange. Other additions to the Library were 14 maps, 1,895 pamphlets, and 2,396 picture books. While the number of books added in 1908 was 846 less than in 1907, the figures for the latter year included the 7,609 volumes in the gift of the German Young Men's Association.

The number of books on outstanding orders January 1, 1909, was 1,565, the cost of which is estimated as being \$1,350.

CATALOGUE DEPARTMENT.

The dictionary catalogue, with the exception of public documents, has been completed. It now contains 379,460 cards, 21,264 of which have been added during the year.

The great inconvenience and waste of time caused by this catalogue being so far from the Reference Room has led to a plan which when realized will be of great benefit to all using the library. The Reference Room is to have a dictionary catalogue of everything in the Library except fiction, and the Circulating Department a dictionary catalogue of all books which can be circulated. The work on the new catalogue was begun in May, and much has already been accomplished by the use of the Library of Congress printed cards, which we shall be able to use in a large proportion of this catalogue.

The number of cards made for all the catalogues during the past year was 43,432. 22,445 cards were purchased from the Library of Congress and 40,623 were received and filed in the Library of Congress depository catalogue.

To the catalogue staff fell also much of the work of publishing the catalogue of books in German, and some new work caused by the addition to the Library of books in Yiddish.

The cataloguer of English prose fiction, in addition to the routine work of new accessions, has completed the new catalogue, and is now rearranging the cards in the desk catalogue, having made 4,115 cards and shelf listed 11,595 volumes.

BOOKS IN FOREIGN LANGUAGES.

In response to a request made by members of the Jewish Endeavor Society, about 150 books in Yiddish were added to the Library. This is an experiment, but if the demand remains as active as at present the number of books will be increased and books in Hebrew will be purchased.

About the usual number of books in Polish, German, French and Italian were added during the year. Unusual interest has been taken in the German books this year because of the efforts made by the German Young Men's Association. 21,816 books in this language were circulated and we expect that this demand will be further stimulated by the new finding list which was issued December 28th.

BINDING.

In 1908, 21,649 books were rebound or resewed and 3,280 magazines and pamphlets placed in board and manila covers, at a total cost of \$7,053.53.

The binding of books for public library use is now receiving much attention and it is hoped that means of much saving may be found in this department. Not only is better rebinding being done, but effort is being made to induce the publishers to issue their books in stronger bindings for library use. We are convinced that much saving is possible by having an expert to watch the wear of books and to strengthen the books whenever the bindings are weak before placing them in circulation. In public library work it ought to be necessary to rebind but a very few of the most popular books. The binding should live as long as the book. Whatever can be saved through binding is a saving also in book purchase.

LIBRARY RECEIPTS.

Fines,	\$3,636.08
Catalogues sold,	19.33
Books lost and paid for,	113.39
Damage to books,	56.72
Reserve postal cards,	206.72
Miscellaneous,	89.06
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	\$4,121.30

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT.

The Library did not feel that it could add more schools last year to those having the class-room libraries. There are thirty-nine schools fully equipped, the same number reported in 1907. Many applications have come from the grammar schools to extend the work, and we are anxious to do so as soon as our means permit. The 31,787 books used in the class-room libraries had a circulation of 381,270, showing a gain of 17,291 for the year. There are twenty-three of the grammar schools not yet provided with these libraries.

The collection of books arranged by grade which is on the shelves of the "Teachers' Room" of the School Department has been used, not only by the principals and teachers of the city schools, but by parents and also by many teachers from the towns near Buffalo as an aid in the selection of children's books.

The pictures in the school collection continue to be in demand. 18,673 have been loaned to 58 public schools, five parochial schools, the high schools, Sunday schools, clubs and individuals.

An invitation was accepted to make an exhibit of the work of the Buffalo Public Library in the schools at the meeting of the National Education Association which was held in July at Cleveland. The head of the department took part in the discussion on library work in the schools at that meeting and also at the meeting of the New York Teachers' Association at Syracuse.

The new edition of the catalogue of books used in the class-room libraries is practically ready for the printer and will be published at once. This catalogue has been thoroughly revised and its valuable subject index enlarged. If this third edition renders as much service to the schools of the city and elsewhere as did the first two editions, it will amply repay the Library for the labor in its preparation. No publication of the Library has had wider distribution.

The usual exhibit of the most attractive new books at Christmas time was made in the School Department and attracted many visitors.

(See Appendix D.)

TRAVELING LIBRARIES.

The list of traveling libraries shows that 132 of these small collections of books, 2,484 volumes in all, had a circulation of 19,998. This seems to be the best means of helping districts far from our present Library agencies, until something better can be offered. They

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are also used to supplement the books of schools, clubs and various associations.

(See Appendix E.)

STATIONS.

There has been an increase of 3,848 in the number of books called for at the stations, six of them showing an increase and only one a loss. The total for the year was 45,339.

It may be thought best to change the location of one of the stations, but the Library does not feel inclined to increase their number, as it is the most expensive method of circulating books.

(See Appendix H.)

BRANCHES.

WILLIAM IVES BRANCH, DOM POLSKI, No. 1079 BROADWAY.

(Open 2 P. M. to 9 P. M., week days.)

This branch circulated 70,085 books, an increase of 6,741 over the figures for last year. We believe that many Polish children are learning English through this agency, and some of the older people are encouraged in its use by the many attractive books offered to them. Last year's report showed a decrease of 3 per cent. in the use of books in Polish, and this year we can report another of 4 per cent., with a corresponding gain in the use of books in English. Some children using this branch in the afternoon come from parts of the city as far east of the building as the main library building is on the west.

There is an increase in the number of older people who are registering here. One means of their being introduced to the Library is the use of the books which the children take into the homes. During 1909, 942 children and 792 adults registered.

The Reading Rooms contain a number of Polish papers and a few English periodicals, which are much used.

The best work of the branch is not shown by this record. It is best seen in the increasing sympathy of the members of the staff with the people of the neighborhood and the appreciation which they receive in return.

(See Appendix C, Table No. 2.)

THE JOSEPH P. DUDLEY BRANCH, No. 508 SOUTH PARK AVENUE.

(Open 2 P. M. to 9 P. M., week days.)

The largest proportionate gain in any of the Library's agencies during 1908 was made by this branch, its circulation, 33,134, showing an increase of 6,819.

It is gradually finding its place in the life of the community which it serves, and is being used by an increasing number of the older people as well as of the children.

The rooms are small and the work may soon require better quarters.

(See Appendix C, Table No. 2.)

LAFAYETTE BRANCH, LAFAYETTE HIGH SCHOOL.

(Open 2 P. M. to 5 P. M., week days.)

The work of this branch in a crowded high school shows well for the interest and good nature of the school faculty and those in charge. The circulation in 1908 was 36,822 during the school year, an increase of 3,432.

At present the library rooms have to be used at times for recitations, and it is hoped that conditions may change for the good of the school and the library work. Although the branch was intended first for the use of those in the school, it is being used by increasing numbers of residents in the neighborhood.

(See Appendix C, Table No. 2.)

WESTMINSTER HOUSE, No. 421 MONROE STREET (DEPOSITORY).

(Open Monday afternoon and evening.)

The use of this depository shows the eagerness with which people ask for books. Although open but one day a week, 9,610 books were taken from it last year. In 1907 its circulation showed an increase of 18 per cent.; this year there is another gain of 20 per cent. It might seem as though little good could come from books passed out in this hurried way—yet instances of fine results from the mission of the books themselves are known.

(See Appendix C, Table No. 2.)

WELCOME HALL, No. 404 SENECA STREET (DEPOSITORY).

(Open Friday afternoon and evening.)

From Welcome Hall the library distributed 5,389 books—151 less than last year. The children are not now permitted to draw books in the evening; a regulation made in the interests of the older readers. In this section of the city, where the population frequently changes, a large reading room open throughout the week would probably be of more practical value than the circulation of books in this way.

(See Appendix C, Table No. 2.)

THE STAFF.

During 1908 the staff of the Buffalo Public Library has contributed its share in promoting the general cause of library work. This is not only worth while for its own sake, but the experience brings to our service a general knowledge of what others are doing and a quickening inspiration to the staff.

The Vice-Librarian, as the official representative of the American Library Association, has addressed the State Library Associations of a number of states, and two library schools. The head of the Children's Department gave a series of lectures on books for children at two summer schools for teachers, and the head of our school work addressed the National and State Educational meetings.

One of the State Library Institutes to discuss library methods was held in Buffalo, conducted by members of the staff, on May 9th, which was attended by many representatives of the smaller libraries in the neighborhood.

An examination of candidates for positions on the staff was held October 3d. It was passed by twenty-two of the applicants. This is a larger number than usual, but the result was due more to the very large class of candidates than to a change in the standard.

The staff Round tables—"the part of our work which keeps us keen and alive" as one expresses it—have been held in the different departments as usual. At these meetings methods of work and books are discussed and frank talks upon the best means of helping the borrowers are given, but, to quote from the Head of the Circulating Department, "the spirit of sympathy and comradeship which results from meeting together as library workers and talking over the work, its purpose and ideals, is really the most valuable and important result of these meetings."

(See Appendix K.)

The balance on hand in the treasury of the Mutual Aid Association on November 3d—the end of the fiscal year—was \$170.14. The amount paid out for sick benefits during the year was \$174.48.

Respectfully submitted,

WALTER L. BROWN,
Librarian.

STATISTICS OF 1908.

Bound volumes in the Library,	254,003
Pamphlets,	24,905
Circulation of books for home use,	1,401,839
Traveling libraries,	132
Number of books in traveling libraries,	4,454
Total circulation of books for home use since the Library opened, September 2, 1897,	12,269,529
Number of registered borrowers,	73,089
Number of borrowers from school libraries, . . .	31,787
	104,876
(Borrowers from traveling libraries are not registered.)	
Number of class-room libraries in grammar schools, . . .	719
Number of books circulated from schools,	381,270

THE WORK OF THE LIBRARY—A COMPARATIVE TABLE.

	No. of Books in Library.	Registration.	Circulation.	Fiction Per Cent.
1897, (4 months), . .	103,096	32,116	262,232	72.7
1898,	123,988	49,814	768,028	65.9
1899,	146,896	57,257	887,686	67.1
1900,	165,960	65,803	981,235	67.1
1901,	175,838	58,239	966,451	65.9
1902,	191,170	54,495	1,094,424	65.3
1903,	208,969	56,571	1,085,522	65.4
1904,	214,582	58,582	1,170,155	64.9
1905,	223,312	59,781	1,172,377	64.2
1906,	235,530	65,034	1,201,829	63.1
1907,	245,162	69,779	1,277,751	63.1
1908,	254,003	73,089	1,401,839	63.2

APPENDIX A.

Registration.

Number of registrations in force January 1, 1908, 68,779

Registered during 1908 :

New Registration :

Over 14 years, 15,460

Under 14 years, 5,601

Total, 21,061

89,840

Number of registrations canceled :

Over 14 years, 12,448

Under 14 years, 4,303

Total, 16,751

Total number of registrations in force January 1, 1909, . . . 73,089

APPENDIX B.

Classified Contents of the Library.

	Books. Totals, Jan. 1, 1908.	Per Cent.	Gross Additions, 1908.	Per Cent.	Net Additions, 1908.	Per Cent.	Books. Totals, Jan. 1, 1909.
General works,	11,748	.049	196	.007	143	.016	11,891
Philosophy,	3,155	.013	135	.005	115	.013	3,270
Religion, mythology, fairy tales,	11,301	.047	639	.023	*- 57	-.006	11,244
Sociology,	23,248	.098	891	.032	*-568	-.063	22,682
Philology,	1,157	.005	55	.002	42	.005	1,199
Natural science,	13,388	.056	1,081	.039	373	.042	13,759
Useful arts,	9,970	.042	951	.034	605	.067	10,575
Fine arts,	7,646	.032	401	.014	208	.022	7,854
Literature,	29,694	.125	5,458	.195	3,191	.354	32,885
Prose fiction,	76,773	.323	14,886	.532	3,409	.378	80,182
History,	21,348	.090	1,291	.046	531	.059	21,879
Travel,	13,319	.056	1,284	.046	649	.072	13,968
Biography,	13,245	.056	632	.023	318	.035	13,563
Local history and literature, . .	1,909	.008	60	.002	57	.006	1,966
Totals,	237,899		27,960		9,018		246,917
Recovered, formerly reported as lost,			117				
Children's picture books,	7,263		2,396		-177		7,086
Totals,	245,162		30,473				
Total permanent collection :							254,003
Net additions, Jan. 1, 1908, to Jan. 1, 1909,					8,841		
Duplicate volumes not catalogued and not in use,							3,125
Grand total books, January 1, 1909,							257,128

* By transfer.

Per Cent.	Stack.	Reference Room.	Open Shelf Room.	Children's Room.	School Dept.	Wm. Ives Branch	Lafayette Branch	J. P. Dudley Branch	Westminster House.	Welcome Hall.	Pamphlets.
.048	6,582	3,473	1,751	10	10	41	2	22			3,843
.013	2,629	195	309	22	3	62	28	22			442
.045	7,535	1,355	420	343	1,291	132	66	60	32	10	945
.092	18,032	1,867	822	283	1,188	246	92	112	21	19	7,552
.005	883	234	35	2	6	28	6	5			99
.056	6,854	1,756	939	747	3,001	170	130	114	29	19	1,092
.043	6,867	1,627	711	253	848	116	51	85	11	6	3,304
.032	5,633	805	646	229	297	73	80	75	6	10	1,241
.133	10,200	8,378	1,500	1,777	9,205	954	368	332	99	72	305
.325	42,029		13,255	4,491	13,610	3,091	1,667	1,329	411	299	
.089	14,668	903	1,280	947	3,119	396	280	217	39	30	1,106
.057	8,214	361	1,225	921	2,442	331	222	176	46	30	557
.055	9,373	512	1,291	505	1,353	183	198	120	15	13	850
.007	277	1,681		2		3		3			3,569
	139,776	23,147	24,184	10,532	36,373	5,826	3,190	2,672	709	508	24,905
				674	6,058	123	7	92	41	91	
				11,206	42,431	5,949	3,197	2,764	750	599	24,905

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APPENDIX C: 1.

Circulation by Classes.

1908	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Totals	Per Cent.
Magazines, . .	2,510	2,710	2,873	2,396	2,284	2,233	2,286	2,240	2,384	2,649	2,292	2,318	29,175	.021
Philosophy, .	723	748	847	728	650	597	572	686	735	788	780	666	8,520	.006
Religion, . .	1,022	1,049	1,149	962	769	639	614	628	729	958	931	900	10,350	.007
Sociology, . .	1,439	1,413	1,645	1,317	1,191	1,039	693	829	1,288	1,505	1,492	1,363	15,214	.011
Philology, . .	193	202	192	189	140	150	116	149	173	164	128	131	1,927	.001
Science, . . .	3,921	3,387	7,120	4,306	4,146	1,739	1,142	1,215	5,965	5,365	4,957	3,831	47,094	.034
Useful Arts, .	2,647	2,424	3,531	2,583	2,207	1,482	1,320	1,410	2,823	2,789	2,629	2,504	28,349	.020
Fine Arts, . .	2,096	2,177	2,460	2,075	1,715	1,365	1,298	1,267	1,895	2,217	2,039	1,938	22,542	.016
Literature, . .	16,009	12,536	27,168	17,977	17,721	7,577	4,157	4,039	20,566	22,844	22,023	17,966	190,583	.136
History, . . .	6,084	5,893	9,204	6,313	5,682	3,057	2,314	2,269	7,895	7,676	7,442	6,488	70,317	.051
Travel, . . .	5,120	4,930	7,605	5,216	4,595	2,374	1,988	1,943	6,120	6,328	5,945	5,345	57,509	.041
Biography, . .	3,076	3,386	4,568	3,049	2,659	1,481	1,224	1,219	3,377	3,305	3,322	3,011	33,677	.024
Fiction, . . .	76,130	72,828	102,846	81,955	73,719	52,628	47,649	49,982	83,610	86,901	83,364	74,970	886,582	.632
Total,	120,970	113,683	171,208	129,066	117,478	76,361	65,373	67,876	137,500	143,489	137,344	121,431	1,401,839	1.000

Number of days open, 307.

Daily average, all departments, 4,566

Largest day, main library, 6,052.

Smallest day, main library, 1,863.

APPENDIX C: 2.

Circulation by Departments.

1908	Desk.	Open Shelves.	Children's Room.	Class-Room Libraries.	Books Issued to Class-Room Libraries.	Stations.	Westminster House.	Welcome Hall.	Wm. Ives Branch.	Joe. P. Dudley Branch.	Lafayette Branch.	Total Branches.	Traveling Libraries.	Totals.
January	27,736	28,784	13,779	30,565	.....	3,427	766	629	7,016	2,832	3,955	15,198	1,481	120,970
February	28,401	29,453	15,275	18,635	.....	3,878	848	581	7,382	2,917	4,576	16,304	1,737	113,683
March	30,538	30,555	16,690	66,467	.....	4,544	1,096	666	9,142	3,455	5,089	19,448	2,966	171,208
April	26,951	26,696	14,693	38,347	.....	4,471	878	575	6,880	3,333	4,248	15,914	1,994	129,066
May	24,066	23,590	11,894	38,688	.....	3,891	849	599	5,637	2,591	3,873	13,549	1,800	117,478
June	22,121	22,083	9,556	6,735	.....	3,708	908	365	4,466	2,180	1,924	9,843	2,315	76,361
July	22,592	22,227	8,835	.....	.....	3,416	624	369	4,013	2,242	.....	7,248	1,055	65,373
August	23,638	23,048	9,118	.....	.....	3,372	655	270	4,154	2,358	.....	7,437	1,263	67,876
September	23,781	23,388	8,430	34,971	31,787	3,391	510	200	3,965	2,351	1,418	8,444	3,368	137,560
October	27,611	25,831	12,214	59,324	.....	3,472	694	364	4,960	2,841	4,031	12,890	2,147	143,489
November	26,887	24,783	13,892	51,414	.....	3,573	1,012	369	5,833	3,107	4,409	14,730	2,065	137,344
December	26,132	25,583	13,110	36,124	.....	4,196	770	402	6,637	2,927	3,299	14,085	2,251	121,431
Totals,	310,454	306,021	147,486	381,270	31,787	45,339	9,610	5,389	70,085	33,134	36,822	155,040	24,442	1,401,839

APPENDIX C: 3.

Circulation—Comparative Statement.

	1904	1905	1906	1907	1908
January,	96,014	101,425	107,689	107,203	120,970
February,	98,241	97,398	90,356	95,658	113,683
March,	142,188	147,243	156,286	140,613	171,208
April,	111,109	102,314	105,336	126,582	129,066
May,	90,876	99,182	102,075	113,267	117,478
June,	55,432	57,990	58,613	68,231	76,361
July,	55,128	52,519	51,689	58,674	65,373
August,	57,916	55,419	52,540	58,862	67,876
September,	112,425	119,971	116,212	121,252	137,560
October,	120,107	127,308	135,433	141,907	143,489
November,	119,721	118,993	125,236	131,250	137,344
December,	100,998	92,615	100,364	114,252	121,431
Totals,	1,170,155	1,172,377	1,201,829	1,277,751	1,401,839

Gain, 1st quarter, 62,307

Gain, 3d quarter, 32,021

Gain, 2d quarter, 14,825

Gain, 4th quarter, 14,855

Total Gain, 124,088

APPENDIX D.

Grammar School Libraries.

School.	Street.	Libraries.	Books.	Circulation.
3	Perry,	10	407	4,274
5	Seneca,	12	515	4,887
6	South Division,	16	695	8,066
7	South Bailey,	21	860	9,774
9	Bailey,	32	1,423	18,298
10	Delaware,	10	448	3,540
13	Oak,	12	530	3,833
14	Franklin,	9	405	3,136
15	Oak and Burton,	17	785	9,627
17	Main,	23	1,062	13,628
18	School,	24	1,061	14,453
19	West,	25	1,090	9,255
20	Amherst,	12	563	5,047
21	Hertel,	7	322	2,982
22	Huntington,	11	430	5,092
23	East Delavan,	11	475	5,752
24	Fillmore,	33	1,484	21,163
25	Lewis,	13	575	6,418
26	Milton,	18	846	8,257
27	Mineral Springs,	18	805	8,993
28	Abbott Road,	19	845	9,438
33	Elk,	15	660	6,661
36	Day's Park,	12	520	4,529
37	Carlton,	25	1,090	11,088
39	High,	29	1,265	13,923
43	Lovejoy,	28	1,263	24,161
44	Broadway,	30	1,365	21,859
47	Hickory,	16	685	8,175
49	Vermont,	11	500	5,034
50	Eagle,	12	515	9,557
51	Hertel,	17	740	8,076
52	Bird,	26	1,135	16,453
53	Winslow,	25	1,100	16,895
55	Guilford,	24	1,040	11,871
56	Elmwood,	19	867	8,284
58	Rother,	31	1,327	18,106
59	Glenwood,	19	909	8,349
60	Ontario,	18	775	8,917
Practice,	Normal School,	9	405	3,419
Totals,		719	31,787	381,270

School library year, nine months.

APPENDIX E.

Traveling Libraries.

1. CLUBS.

Alex. Fredro Literary Society, . .	Mar. 2,	General,	100
Catholic Workingmen's Association, Jan. 17,		German,	44
Catholic Workingmen's Association, Oct. 16,		German,	123
Graduates' Association Buffalo Sem-			
inary,	Mar. 5,	Literature,	8
Highland Park Literary Club, . .	Jan. 7,	General,	19
Highland Park Literary Club, . .	Oct. 23,	History,	22
St. Mary Magdalen Sodality, . . .	Mar. 9,	German,	25
St. Paul's Parish House, Mothers'			
Club,	Aug. 28,	Fiction,	50
Westminster Church, Bible Study			
Club,	Nov. 9,	Religion,	5
Westminster Church, Bible Study			
Club,	Nov. 11,	Religion,	6
Young Men's Sodality Club, . . .	Feb. 15,	Fiction,	20
Young Men's Sodality Club, . . .	Sept. 1,	Fiction,	50
Zion Library Club,	Dec. 10,	General,	63

2. FACTORIES.

Larkin Co.,	July 7,	Fiction,	162
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3. HIGH SCHOOLS AND NORMAL SCHOOL.

Central High School, C. E. Moore, Oct. 12,		Literature,	10
Lafayette High School Annex, Miss			
Clark,	Feb. 4,	Literature,	26
Lafayette High School Annex, Miss			
Clark,	Feb. 12,	Literature,	4
Lafayette High School, Miss Free-			
man,	Apr. 24,	Forestry,	16
Lafayette High School, Mr. Mc-			
Guire,	Oct. 9,	American History,	37
Lafayette High School, Mr. Mc-			
Guire,	Nov. 13,	American History,	43
Masten Park High School,	Sept. 17,	General,	49

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Buffalo Normal School, Miss Dun-		
ston,	Sept. 17, American History,	45
Buffalo Normal School, Miss Dun-		
ston,	Oct. 24, American History,	15

4. SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES—PAROCHIAL.

Academy of the Sacred Heart, . .	Sept. 30, General,	46
Canisius College, Mr. Bapst, . . .	Aug. 28, Philosophy, . . .	5
Canisius College, Rev. La Farge, Jan. 11,	General,	7
Canisius College, M. J. O'Malia, .	June 26, Literature, . . .	5
Canisius College, M. J. O'Malia, .	Sept. 8, Literature, . . .	12
D'Youville College, Sister Mary		
Agnes,	Sept. 25, General,	57
Holy Angels' Academy, Sister Igna-		
tius,	Sept. 25, History,	20
Holy Angels' Academy, Sister Vin-		
cent,	Sept. 25, Literature, . . .	15
Holy Angels' Academy, Sister Mary		
Margaret,	Sept. 25, General,	30
Holy Angels' Academy, Sister Imel-		
da,	Sept. 25, History,	20
Holy Angels' Academy, Father		
Sloan,	Sept. 30, Sociology, . . .	11
Holy Angels' Academy, Father		
Sloan,	Oct. 12, English History, .	12
Holy Angels' Academy, Sister Mary		
Agnes,	Oct. 27, General,	5
Mount St. Joseph,	Oct. 12, General,	120
St. Anne's School,	Mar. 5, General,	60
St. Anne's School,	Oct. 29, General,	82
St. Gerard's School,	Jan. 7, Travel,	40
St. Michael's School,	July 15, General,	56
St. Vincent's School, Father An-		
steth,	Sept. 18, General,	136
St. Vincent's School, Father An-		
steth,	Dec. 2, General,	32

5. SCHOOLS—PRIVATE.

Buffalo Seminary, Miss Burnside, .	Nov. 9, Fine Arts, . . .	9
Elmwood School, Miss Underwood,	Feb. 17, Ancient History,	16

St. Margaret's School,	Feb. 10,	Fine Arts,	5
St. Margaret's School,	Feb. 1,	General,	32
St. Margaret's School,	Mar. 14,	General,	13
St. Margaret's School,	Oct. 13,	General,	11
St. Margaret's School,	Oct. 19,	Religion,	6
St. Margaret's School,	Nov. 14,	Greek History, .	22
St. Margaret's School,	Sept. 23,	Literature,	9
St. Margaret's School, Miss Clark, .	Apr. 14,	Literature,	4
St. Margaret's School, Miss Taylor, .	June 13,	Fiction,	6
St. Margaret's School, Miss Taylor, .	Dec. 12,	Literature,	10
St. Margaret's School, Miss Warren, .	Mar. 14,	Fine Arts,	8
St. Margaret's School, Miss Warren, .	Apr. 27,	Fine Arts,	9
St. Margaret's School, Miss Warren, .	May 11,	Fine Arts,	11
St. Margaret's School, Miss Warren, .	May 19,	Fine Arts,	12
St. Margaret's School, Miss Warren, .	Feb. 8,	Italy,	12
St. Margaret's School, Miss Warren, .	Feb. 15,	Fine Arts,	8
St. Margaret's School, Miss Warren, .	Mar. 2,	Italy,	11

6. SCHOOLS—PUBLIC.

School No. 1, Miss Dorr,	Sept. 12,	Picture Books, .	25
School No. 1, Miss Neal,	Sept. 12,	Picture Books, .	25
School No. 2, Miss O'Leary,	Oct. 12,	Picture Books, .	25
School No. 4, Miss Roberts,	Sept. 12,	Picture Books, .	25
School No. 4, Miss Roberts,	Dec. 3,	Picture Books, .	5
School No. 4, Mothers' Club,	Oct. 12,	General,	35
School No. 10, Mr. Alvord,	Feb. 26,	Pedagogy,	15
School No. 10, Miss Haggerty,	Sept. 21,	Literature,	9
School No. 10, Miss Ingram,	Nov. 18,	General,	5
School No. 10, Miss Ney,	Sept. 30,	Psychology,	10
School No. 10, Miss Ney,	Nov. 11,	General,	8
School No. 16, Miss Erb,	Oct. 26,	General,	8
School No. 16, Miss Kavanagh,	Sept. 28,	American History, .	12
School No. 19, Mothers' Club,	Nov. 16,	General,	25
School No. 21, Miss Kirk,	Apr. 3,	Poetry,	9
School No. 22, Teachers' library, . .	Sept. 21,	General,	50
School No. 29, Miss Ryther,	May 20,	Literature,	13
School No. 29, Miss Boardman,	Sept. 14,	Picture Books, .	25
School No. 31, Miss Cotter,	Oct. 1,	General,	14
School No. 31, Miss Chandler,	Sept. 17,	Picture Books, .	70
School No. 34, Miss Andrus,	Sept. 9,	Picture Books, . .	25

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School No. 35, Miss Howard, . . .	Oct. 1,	Picture Books, . . .	25
School No. 38, Mr. Goldsmith, . . .	Oct. 16,	General,	75
School No. 40, Miss Kreinheder, . . .	Nov. 9,	Picture Books, . . .	25
School No. 42, Miss Ellis,	Sept. 17,	Picture Books, . . .	40
School No. 43, Neighborhood Li- brary,	Sept. 25,	General,	453
School No. 54, Miss Harris,	Nov. 9,	Picture Books, . . .	25
Truant School, Mr. Bruck,	July 15,	General,	12
Truant School, Mr. Bruck,	Sept. 25,	General,	40
Truant School, Mr. Bruck,	Nov. 30,	General,	36
Vacation Schools,	July 6,	General,	96

7. HOSPITALS.

Children's Hospital,	July 30,	Fiction,	25
Erie County Hospital,	Mar. 23,	Fiction,	50
Erie County Hospital,	Oct. 26,	Fiction,	28
Woman's Hospital,	Jan. 25,	Fiction,	27
Woman's Hospital,	Oct. 22,	Fiction,	25

8. SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Delaware Ave. M. E. S. S.	Oct. 6,	Religion,	18
East Presbyterian S. S.,	Mar. 3,	Fiction,	40
East Presbyterian S. S.,	Aug. 26,	Fiction,	25
First Italian Baptist Church,	Jan. 23,	Italian Literature, .	9
First Italian Baptist Church,	Dec. 8,	Italian Literature, .	15
Lebanon Y. P. S. C. E.,	Apr. 24,	General,	50
Lebanon Y. P. S. C. E.,	Dec. 2,	Fiction,	78
Maple Street Baptist S. S.,	Jan. 14,	General,	80
Park Presbyterian S. S.,	Jan. 14,	General,	50
Park Presbyterian S. S.,	Apr. 18,	General,	50
Parkside Baptist S. S.,	Apr. 21,	Fiction,	50

9. SETTLEMENT HOUSES.

Watson House,	Oct. 10,	Sociology,	16
Watson House,	Oct. 13,	Sociology,	10
Zion House,	Oct. 16,	General,	50
Zion House,	July 15,	General,	100
Zion House,	Nov. 12,	General,	25

10. MISCELLANEOUS.

Mr. Baker, Boys' Camp,	June 26,	General,	25
Mrs. Thomas B. Berry,	Mar. 2,	Missions,	18
Buffalo Enquirer, Mr. McCarthy,	Oct. 13,	Literature,	4
Miss Harriet Butler,	June 30,	General,	8
Church Home,	Jan. 7,	Fiction,	26
Church Home,	Mar. 12,	Fiction.	40
Church Home,	Aug. 26,	Fiction,	50
Church Home,	Dec. 8,	Fiction,	50
Church Home, Miss Hucker,	Oct. 23,	Pedagogy,	7
Miss Gates, Girls' Camp,	July 6,	General,	20
Mr. Kruse, Boys' Camp,	June 30,	General,	30
Police Station, No. 9,	Aug. 27,	Fiction,	25
Police Station, No. 9,	Nov. 11,	Fiction,	25
Police Station, No. 11,	Feb. 8,	Fiction,	25
Police Station, No. 11,	Oct. 21,	Fiction,	25
St. Mary's C. Y. M. A.	Mar. 2,	General,	13
Mrs. Taylor,	Aug. 14,	Fiction,	10
Y. W. C. A. Summer Cottage,	July 14,	Fiction,	40
Total,			4454

Firemen's Libraries.

Engine No. 2,	24
“ “ 3 and Hook and Ladder,	24
“ “ 4,	24
“ “ 5,	24
“ “ 6,	24
“ “ 8,	24
“ “ 9,	24
“ “ 10,	24
“ “ 11,	24
“ “ 12,	24
“ “ 14,	15
“ “ 15,	24
“ “ 16,	24
“ “ 17,	24
“ “ 18,	24

Engine No. 19,	. . . . .	24
“ “ 20,	. . . . .	24
“ “ 21 and Hook and Ladder,	. . . . .	24
“ “ 22,	. . . . .	24
“ “ 23,	. . . . .	24
“ “ 24,	. . . . .	24
“ “ 25,	. . . . .	24
“ “ 26,	. . . . .	24
“ “ 27,	. . . . .	24
“ “ 28,	. . . . .	24
“ “ 29,	. . . . .	24
“ “ 31,	. . . . .	24
“ “ 32,	. . . . .	24
Chemical No. 3,	. . . . .	24
“ “ 4,	. . . . .	24
“ “ 5,	. . . . .	24
“ “ 6,	. . . . .	24
Hook and Ladder No. 4,	. . . . .	24
“ “ “ 5,	. . . . .	24
“ “ “ 7,	. . . . .	24
“ “ “ 8,	. . . . .	24
“ “ “ 9,	. . . . .	41
Total Books sent out,		905

APPENDIX F.

[*w*, weekly ; *f*, fortnightly ; *m*, monthly ; *bi-m*, bi-monthly ; *q*, quarterly.]*Periodicals.*

- *Academe, *f*.
 Academy, *w*.
 *Academy Notes, *m*.
 American Antiquarian, *bi-m*.
 American Architect, International ed., *w*.
 American Catholic Review, *q*.
 American Chemical Journal, *m*.
 American Economic Association, Papers, *irregular*.
 American Historical Review, *q*.
 American Homes and Gardens, *m*.
 American Institute of Electrical Engineers, Proceedings, *m*.
 American Journal of Archæology, *q*.
 American Journal of Mathematics, *q*.
 American Journal of Nursing, *m*.
 American Journal of Philology, *irregular*.
 American Journal of Psychology, *q*.
 American Journal of Science, *m*.
 American Journal of Sociology, *bi-m*.
 A. L. A. Booklist, *m*.
 American Machinist, *w*.
 American Magazine, *m*.
 American Monthly Magazine, *m*.
 *American Museum Journal, *m*.
 *American National Red Cross Bulletin, *m*.
 American Naturalist, *m*.
 American Political Science Review, *q*.
 American Review of Reviews, *m*.
 American Statistical Association, Quarterly Publications, *q*.
 American Stock Keeper, *w*.
 Annales Politiques et Littéraires, *w*.
 Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science, *bi-m*.
 *Annals of the Propagation of the Faith, *bi-m*.
 Antiquary, *m*.
 Architects' and Builders' Magazine, *m*.
 Architectural Record, *m*.
 Architectural Review, *m*.
 Arena, *m*.
 Army and Navy Journal, *w*.
 Army and Navy Life, *m*.
 Art Journal, *m*.
 *Association Review, *q*.
 *Atlantic Educational Review, *m*.
 Atlantic Monthly, *m*.
 Auk, *q*.
 *Automobile Topics, *w*.
 Babyhood, *m*.
 Bankers' Magazine, *m*.
 Benziger's Magazine, *m*.
 *Berkshire Industrial Farm Record, *m*.
 Biblical World, *m*.
 Bibliographie, La Mensuelle ; Revue des Livres Nouveaux, *m*.
 Biblioteka Warszawska, *m*.
 *Billboard, *w*.
 Bird-Lore, *bi-m*.
 Black and White, *w*.

*Gift.

- Blackwood's Magazine, *m.*
 Bluszcz, *w.*
 *Board of Trade Journal (Scranton), *m.*
 *Book Buyer, *m.*
 Book News, *m.*
 Book Review Digest, *m.*
 Bookman, *m.*
 Boston Cooking School Magazine, *m.*
 *Boston Museum of Fine Arts, Bulletin, *m.*
 *Brass Buttons, *m.*
 Brick Builder, *m.*
 *Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Sciences, Museum News, *m.*
 *Buffalo Health Department, Monthly Report, *m.*
 *Buffalo Medical Journal, *m.*
 *Buffalo Sanitary Bulletin, *m.*
 *Buffalo Society of Natural Sciences, Bulletin, *irregular.*
 *Bulletin of Bibliography, *irregular.*
 Bulletin of the American Geographical Society, *irregular.*
 *Calendar, *m.*
 Canadian Magazine, *m.*
 Cassier's Magazine, *m.*
 *Cat Review, *m.*
 *Catholic Missions, *bi-m.*
 Catholic University Bulletin, *q.*
 Catholic World, *m.*
 Century, *m.*
 *Century Path, *w.*
 Chambers's Journal, *m.*
 Charities, *w.*
 Chautauquan, *m.*
 *Christian Science Journal, *m.*
 Christian Work and Evangelist, *w.*
 Churchman, *w.*
 Circle, *m.*
 *College Folio, *m.*
 Collier's Weekly, *w.*
 *Comercio, El, *m.*
 *Commoner, *m.*
 Concerning Municipal Ownership, *m.*
 *Concrete, *m.*
 Conservation, *m.*
 Contemporary Review, *m.*
 *Cook's American Traveller's Gazette, *m.*
 *Cornell University Agricultural Experiment Station Bulletin, *numbered series.*
 *Cornell University Home Nature Study Course, *numbered series.*
 Cornhill Magazine, *m.*
 Cosmopolitan, *m.*
 Country Life in America, *m.*
 Craftsman, *m.*
 *Crop Reporter, *m.*
 Cumulative Book Index, *m.*
 Current Literature, *m.*
 Deutsche Literaturzeitung, *w.*
 Deutsche Rundschau, *m.*
 Dial, *f.*
 *Dietetic and Hygienic Gazette, *m.*
 *Dog Fancier, *m.*
 Dublin Review, *q.*
 Economic Journal, *q.*
 Economist, *w.*
 Edinburgh Review, *q.*
 Education, *m.*
 Educational Review, *m.*
 Electrical Review, *w.*
 Electrical World, *w.*
 Engineering, *w.*

- Engineering and Mining Journal, *w.*
 Engineering Digest, *m.*
 Engineering Magazine, *m.*
 Engineering News, *w.*
 Engineering Record, *w.*
 English Historical Review, *q.*
 English Illustrated Magazine, *m.*
 Essex Antiquarian, *q.*
 Etude, *m.*
 Everybody's Magazine, *m.*
 *Exponent, *m.*
 Field and Fancy, *w.*
 *Flaming Sword, *m.*
 Fortnightly Review, *m.*
 Forum, *m.*
 *Fraternal Monitor, *m.*
 Garden Magazine, *m.*
 Gartenlaube, *f.*
 Geographical Journal, *m.*
 Geological Magazine, *m.*
 *Glocke, Die, *m.*
 Good Government, *m.*
 Graphic, *w.*
 *Gregg Writer, *m.*
 Harper's Bazar, *m.*
 Harper's Monthly, *m.*
 Harper's Weekly, *w.*
 *Hartford Seminary Record, *q.*
 *Herald of the Cross, *m.*
 *Hobart Bulletin, *q.*
 *Holy Cross Magazine, *m.*
 Homiletic Review, *m.*
 *Hospital Topics, *m.*
 *Housekeeper, *m.*
 Illustrated London News, *w.*
 Illustration, L', *w.*
 Illustrirte Zeitung, *w.*
 Independent, *w.*
 *Indian's Friend, *m.*
 Inland Architect, *m.*
 International Journal of Ethics, *q.*
 International Studio, *m.*
 *Iron Age, *w.*
 *Iron Trade Review, *w.*
 Johns Hopkins University Studies in Historical and Political Science, *numbered series.*
 *Johns Hopkins University Circulars, *irregular.*
 Journal of American Folk-Lore, *q.*
 Journal of American History, *q.*
 Journal of Biblical Literature, *irregular.*
 Journal of Education, *w.*
 Journal of Geology, *m.*
 Journal of Political Economy, *m.*
 Journal of the American Chemical Society, *m.*
 Journal of the Association of Engineering Societies, *m.*
 Journal of the Franklin Institute, *m.*
 Journal of the Institution of Electrical Engineers, *irregular.*
 Journal of the Royal Statistical Society, *q.*
 Journal of the Society of Chemical Industry, *f.*
 Journal of the Western Society of Engineers, *bi-m.*
 *Journal of Zoophily, *m.*
 Judge, *w.*
 Keramic Studio, *m.*
 Kindergarten Magazine, *m.*
 Knowledge, *m.*
 Ksiazka, *m.*
 Ladies' Home Journal, *m.*
 *Ladies' Review, *m.*
 *Lafayette Oracle, *q.*

- *Le Couteulx Leader, *w.*
 Library Journal, *m.*
 Library World, *m.*
 *Liberty, *q.*
 Life, *w.*
 *Light, *q.*
 Lippincott's Magazine, *m.*
 Literarische Echo, Das, *f.*
 Literarischer Handweiser, *f.*
 Literary Digest, *w.*
 Littell's Living Age, *w.*
 Little Folks, *m.*
 *Louisiana Planter, *w.*
 McClure's Magazine, *m.*
 Magazine of History, *m.*
 Manual Training Magazine, *q.*
 *Massachusetts, Labor Bulletin, *m.*
 Marine Review, *w.*
 *Masten Park Chronicle, *q.*
 *Matilda Ziegler Magazine, Braille Edition, *m.*
 *Matilda Ziegler Magazine, New York Point Edition, *m.*
 Memorial de la Librairie Française, *w.*
 *Men of Buffalo, *irregular.*
 *Metal Industry, *m.*
 *Military Surgeon, *m.*
 Mind, *q.*
 *Mines and Minerals, *m.*
 Missionary Review, *m.*
 Modern Language Association of America, Publications, *q.*
 *Modern Sanitation, *m.*
 Monist, *q.*
 *Monthly Bulletin of the Bureau of American Republics, *m.*
 Monthly Cumulative Book Index, *m.*
- Monthly Gazette of Current Literature, *m.*
 Motor Boat, *f.*
 Municipal Engineering, *m.*
 Munsey's Magazine, *m.*
 *Mutual Underwriter, *m.*
 Nation, *w.*
 National Geographic Magazine, *m.*
 National Review, *m.*
 Nature, *w.*
 *Nebraska Agricultural Experiment Station, Bulletin, *numbered series.*
 New England Historical and Genealogical Register, *q.*
 New England Magazine, *m.*
 New York Genealogical and Biographical Record, *q.*
 *New York State Agricultural Experiment Station (Geneva), Bulletin, *numbered series.*
 *New York State Department of Health, Monthly Bulletin, *m.*
 *New York State Labor Bulletin, *bi-m.*
 New York Times Saturday Review, *w.*
 Nineteenth Century, *m.*
 North American Review, *m.*
 Notes and Queries, *w.*
 *Official Gazette of the U. S. Patent Office, *w.*
 Official Railway Guide, *m.*
 *Olde Ulster, *m.*
 Open Court, *m.*
 *Our Record, *m.*
 Outing, *m.*
 Outlook, *w.*
 Outlook for the Blind, *q.*
 Overland Monthly, *m.*

- Pall Mall Magazine, *m*.
 Pedagogical Seminary, *q*.
 Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography, *q*.
 Petermanns Mitteilungen, *m*.
 Petermanns Mitteilungen Ergänzungsheft, *numbered series*.
 *Philippine Weather Bureau, Bulletin, *m*.
 Philistine, *m*.
 Philosophical Magazine, *m*.
 Philosophical Review, *bi-m*.
 *Phonetic Journal, *w*.
 *Pitman's Journal, *m*.
 Political Science Quarterly, *q*.
 Popular Astronomy, *m*.
 Popular Science Monthly, *m*.
 *Postal Record, *m*.
 Power, *w*.
 Printer's Ink, *w*.
 *Psychological Bulletin, *m*.
 Psychological Clinic, *m*.
 Psychological Index, *annual*.
 Psychological Review, *bi-m*.
 *Public, The, *w*.
 Public Libraries, *m*.
 Publishers' Weekly, *w*.
 Puck, *w*.
 Punch, *w*.
 Putnam's Monthly, *m*.
 Quarterly Journal of Economics, *q*.
 Quarterly Review, *q*.
 Railway and Locomotive Engineering, *m*.
 Readers' Guide to Periodical Literature, *m*.
 Records of the American Catholic Historical Society, *q*.
 Records of the Past, *bi-m*.
 Review of Reviews (English edition), *m*.
 Revue des Deux Mondes, *f*.
 St. Nicholas, *m*.
 Saturday Evening Post, *w*.
 Saturday Review, *w*.
 School Review, *m*.
 Science, *w*.
 Science Abstracts, *m*.
 Scientific American, *w*.
 Scientific American Supplement, *w*.
 Scottish Geographical Magazine, *m*.
 Scribner's Magazine, *m*.
 *Search-light, *m*.
 Secola XX., II, *m*.
 *Shields' Magazine, *m*.
 *Shoe Workers' Journal, *m*.
 *Signs of the Times, *w*.
 *Single Tax Review, *bi-m*.
 Society for Psychical Research, Proceedings, *irregular*.
 *Southern History Association, Publications, *irregular*.
 *Special Consular Reports, *numbered series*.
 Spectator, *w*.
 Strand, *m*.
 Street's Pandex of the News, *w*.
 Sunday School Times, *w*.
 Surtees Society, Publications, *numbered series*.
 System, *m*.
 Technical World, *m*.
 *Technology Review, *q*.
 Theosophical Review, *m*.
 Thoresby Society, Publications, *numbered series*.

*Gift.

- Trained Nurse, *m*.
 Travel Magazine, *m*.
 *Triumphs of Faith, *m*.
 Tropical America, *m*.
 Truth, *w*.
 Tygodnik Illustrowany, *w*.
 *Typographical Journal, *m*.
 Ueber Land und Meer, *w*.
 *U. S. Consular Reports, *m*.
 *U. S. Department of Agriculture, Climate and Crop Service, New York, *m*.
 *U. S. Department of Agriculture, Climate and Crop Service, West Virginia, *m*.
 *U. S. Labor Bureau, Bulletin, *bi-m*.
 *U. S. Monthly Weather Review, *m*.
 U.S. Naval Institute, Proceedings, *q*.
 *U. S. Philippine Weather Bureau, Bulletin, *m*.
 U. S. Postal Guide, *m*.
 *U. S. Statistics, Bureau of, Monthly Summary, *m*.
 *University of Illinois, Bulletin, *bi-m*.
 Vom Fels zum Meer, *f*.
 Westermann's Monatshefte, *m*.
 Westminster Review, *m*.
 World's Work, *m*.
 *Yale Alumni Weekly, *w*.
 Yale Review, *q*.
 Youth's Companion, *w*.
 *Zion's Watch Tower, *f*.
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- *Gift.

SUMMARY.

Monthly,	187
Weekly,	69
Quarterly,	41
Bi-monthly,	14
Fortnightly,	10
Irregular,	11
Numbered Series,	9
Annual,	1
Total,	342

APPENDIX G.

Periodicals in Newspaper Room.

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| Albany Journal, <i>d.</i> | *Dzwon, <i>s.</i> |
| *Albuquerque Morning Journal, <i>d.</i> | *Erie County Independent, <i>w.</i> |
| *Appeal to Reason, <i>w.</i> | *Erie Dispatch, <i>d. and s.</i> |
| *Arbetaran, <i>w.</i> | *Fairhope Courier, <i>w.</i> |
| Atlanta Constitution, <i>d. and s.</i> | Forest and Stream, <i>w.</i> |
| Baltimore American, <i>d. and s.</i> | *Gazetta Buffaloska, <i>w.</i> |
| Boston Herald, <i>d. and s.</i> | *Gazetteer and Guide, <i>m.</i> |
| Boston Transcript, <i>d.</i> | Harper's Weekly, <i>w.</i> |
| Brooklyn Eagle, <i>d. and s.</i> | Illinois Staats-Zeitung, <i>d.</i> |
| *Buffalo Arbeiter-Zeitung, <i>w.</i> | Illustrated London News, <i>w.</i> |
| Buffalo Commercial, <i>d.</i> | *Indianapolis News, <i>d.</i> |
| Buffalo Courier, <i>d. and s.</i> | Judge, <i>w.</i> |
| Buffalo Demokrat, <i>d. and s.</i> | Kansas City Star and Times, <i>d.</i> |
| Buffalo Enquirer, <i>d.</i> | and <i>s.</i> |
| Buffalo Express, <i>d. and s.</i> | *Lancaster Enterprise, <i>w.</i> |
| Buffalo Freie Presse, <i>d.</i> | Life, <i>w.</i> |
| *Buffalo Herald, <i>w.</i> | London Times, <i>w.</i> |
| Buffalo News, <i>d. and s.</i> | Louisville Courier-Journal, <i>d. and s.</i> |
| *Buffalo Republic, <i>w.</i> | *Los Angeles Express, <i>d.</i> |
| Buffalo Times, <i>d. and s.</i> | *Los Angeles Herald, <i>d. and s.</i> |
| Buffalo Tribune, <i>s.</i> | Milwaukee Free Press, <i>d. and s.</i> |
| Buffalo Volksfreund, <i>d.</i> | Montreal Star, <i>d.</i> |
| Catholic Union and Times, <i>w.</i> | New Orleans Picayune, <i>d. and s.</i> |
| *Cattaraugus Times, <i>w.</i> | New York Evening Post, <i>d.</i> |
| *Chicago Daily Socialist, <i>d.</i> | New York Herald, <i>d. and s.</i> |
| Chicago Record-Herald, <i>d. and s.</i> | *New York Socialist, <i>w.</i> |
| Chicago Tribune, <i>d. and s.</i> | New York Staats-Zeitung, <i>d. and s.</i> |
| *Christian Intelligencer, <i>w.</i> | New York Sun, <i>d. and s.</i> |
| *Christian Register, <i>w.</i> | New York Times, <i>d. and s.</i> |
| Cincinnati Enquirer, <i>d. and s.</i> | New York Tribune, <i>d. and s.</i> |
| Cleveland Plain Dealer, <i>d. and s.</i> | *New Yorker Volkszeitung, <i>d.</i> |
| *Corriere Italiano, <i>Il, w.</i> | Omaha Bee, <i>d. and s.</i> |
| *Daily People, <i>d.</i> | Philadelphia North American, <i>d.</i> |
| Denver News, <i>d. and s.</i> | and <i>s.</i> |
| Detroit Free Press, <i>d. and s.</i> | Philadelphia Press, <i>d. and s.</i> |
| *Dziennik Polska, <i>d.</i> | Pittsburgh Dispatch, <i>d. and s.</i> |

*Gift.

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| *Proletario, II, <i>w.</i> | *Socialist Review, <i>m.</i> |
| Puck, <i>w.</i> | *South Buffalo Advocate, <i>w.</i> |
| *Resveglio, II, <i>w.</i> | Springfield Republican, <i>d</i> and <i>s.</i> |
| Rochester Democrat and Chronicle, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i> | *Springville Journal and Herald, <i>d.</i> |
| Rochester Post-Express, <i>d.</i> | Syracuse Post-Standard, <i>d.</i> |
| Rural New Yorker, <i>w.</i> | Toledo Blade, <i>d.</i> |
| St. Louis Globe Democrat, <i>d.</i> and <i>s.</i> | Toronto Globe, <i>d.</i> |
| St. Paul Pioneer Press, <i>d</i> and <i>s.</i> | *Trades Union Herald, <i>w.</i> |
| *San Diego (Cal.) News, <i>w.</i> | Utica Press, <i>d.</i> |
| San Francisco Chronicle, <i>d</i> and <i>s.</i> | *Vårt Land, <i>w.</i> |
| *School, <i>w.</i> | Vorwärts, <i>w.</i> |
| Scranton Republican, <i>d.</i> | Washington Post, <i>d</i> and <i>s.</i> |
| *Socialistische Arbeiter-Zeitung, | *Weekly People, <i>w.</i> |
| <i>w.</i> | *Westfield Republican, <i>w.</i> |

*Gift.

APPENDIX H.

Delivery Stations.

B.—Keller & Deuchler's Drug Store, 757 Seneca Street.

A. J. KELLER, *Keeper.*

C.—Lemon's Pharmacy, 897 Tonawanda Street.

W. E. LEMON, *Keeper.*

D.—Forest Avenue Pharmacy, 72 Forest Avenue.

ELLIS T. LATHBURY, *Keeper.*

E.—Emma L. Kamenz's News Stand, 179 East Street.

EMMA L. KAMENZ, *Keeper.*

F.—Hermann's News Store, 2648 Main Street.

JOHN F. HERMANN, *Keeper.*

G.—Hodson's Drug Store, Seneca and Elk Streets.

E. W. HODSON, *Keeper.*

H.—Krummell's News Store, 2340 Seneca Street.

W. L. KRUMMELL, *Keeper.*

APPENDIX K.

STAFF.

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 Mrs. H. L. Elmendorf, *Vice-Librarian.*
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Mary Burnham,	Ada L. Palmer,

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Emily S. Coit, <i>Head,</i>	Pauline D. Lansing.
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Stephen B. Clark,	Edith E. Roos,
Mabel K. Eddy,	M. Elizabeth Schanzlin,
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 Russell J. Forbes,
 Blanche M. Tate,
 Walter Szczepanski.

Joseph P. Dudley Branch :

Mary L. Forbes, in charge,
 Ruth C. Kelley,
 Lawrence Emmerling.

William Ives Branch :

Mary E. Standbridge, in charge,
 Mrs. Jozefa Kudlicka,
 George Rozan,
 Joseph Sarnowski.

Lafayette Branch :

Charlotte E. Coit, in charge,
 Arthur Lewis,
 Everett S. Short.

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Saturdays and during school vacations, 9 A. M. to 6 P. M.

WILLIAM IVES BRANCH, 1079 Broadway.

Week days, 2 P. M. to 9 P. M.

JOSEPH P. DUDLEY BRANCH, 503 South Park Avenue.

Week days, 2 P. M. to 9 P. M.

LAFAYETTE BRANCH, Lafayette High School.

(Closed during school vacations.)

For pupils of the school, During school hours.
For general public, week days, 2 P. M. to 5 P. M.

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